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'CNRA is not going to work'

» Chamber, HANMI submit preliminary numbers of affected CWs

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REPORTER

In the face of a looming crisis brought about by the capping of CW-1 permits, Society for Human Resource Management-NMI chapter immediate past president Frank Gibson called for an overhaul of the CNMI-only transitional worker program.

Gibson

Speaking before yesterday's SHRM monthly membership meeting at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Gibson said that something has to be done and reiterated that the law, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 or Public Law 110-229, which mandates the annual reduction of CW workers to zero in 2019, is not going to work.

"We worried

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CUC fires CFO without cause

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Yaquinto

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has terminated its chief financial officer "without cause" a day after he reported on CUC's unhealthy financial status—adding further to the corporation's lineup of vacant top and stipulated order positions.

Through a memorandum dated May 25, acting executive director Gary Camacho, addressed the notice of "Termination of employment without cause" to CUC CFO Matthew Yaquinto.

With the 30-day notice, Yaquinto is supposed to separate with CUC on June 25.

The memorandum sites

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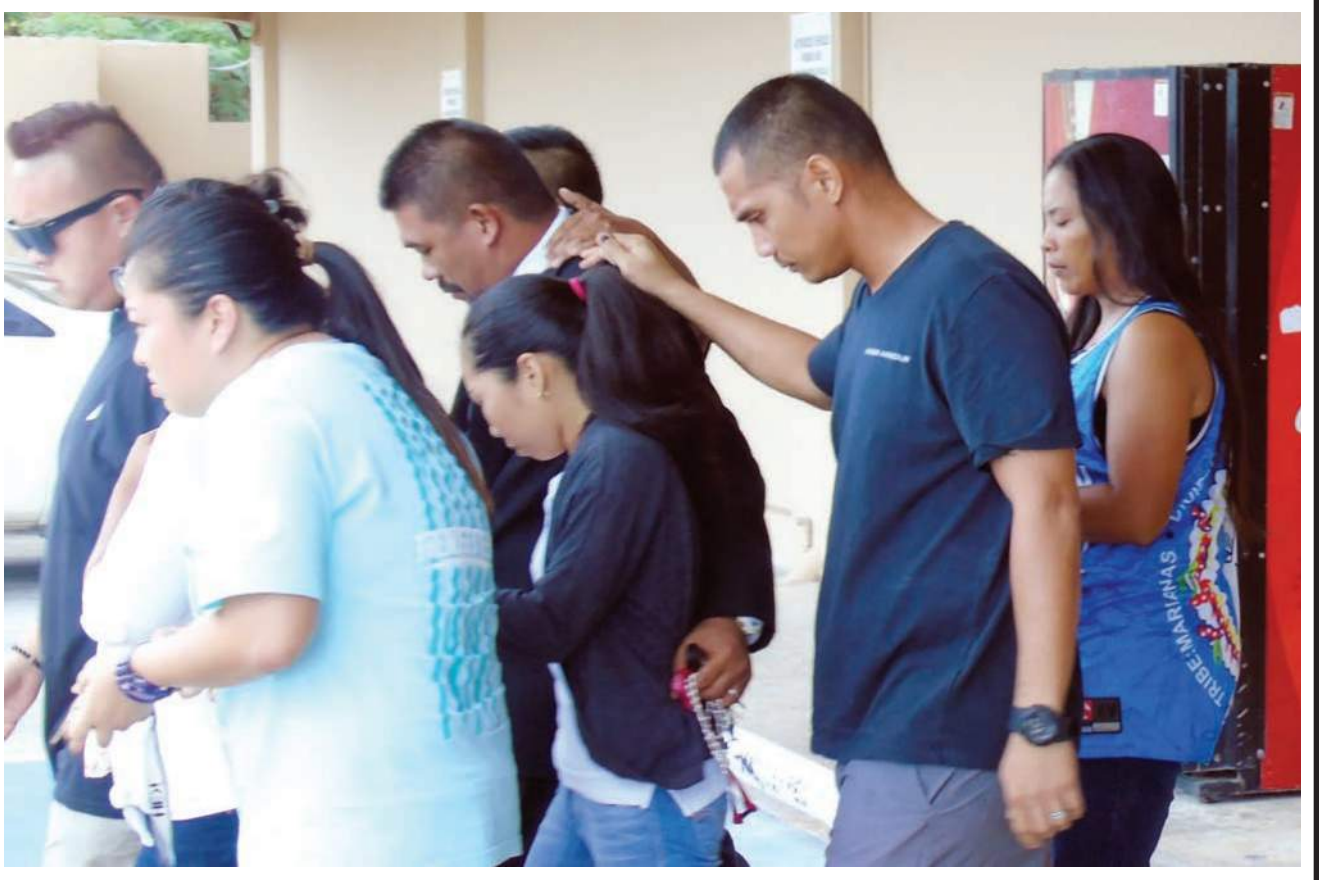
FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Former U.S. Army Reserve member Jordan M. Jucutan, middle, and his wife along with family members, relatives, and friends, emerge from the Horiguchi Building in Garapan after the federal court read the jury's verdict yesterday afternoon. Jucutan was found guilty of all eight charges.

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A federal jury reached a unanimous verdict yesterday, finding former U.S. Army Reserve member Jordan M. Jucutan guilty of all charges for engaging in a scheme to defraud and to obtain money by falsely claiming he referred soldiers to enlist in the Army Reserve through the Army Reserves Recruiter Assistant Program (AR-RAP).

After deliberating for less than seven hours, the 12 jurors found Jucutan guilty of four counts of wire fraud and four counts of aggravated identity theft.

Jucutan burst into tears when a court staff read the guilty verdict.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson set the sentencing for Oct. 14, 2016 at 9am.

Assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing, counsel for the U.S. government, did not move for Jucutan's detention pending the sentencing.

Munson allowed Jucutan to remain at liberty until the sentencing.

Munson asked defense counsel Pamela Brown Blackburn if she will be filing any motions.

Blackburn said she needs to speak with his client before making any motions.

Blackburn and Lorfing both refused to comment to the media after the hearing.

Family members, relatives,

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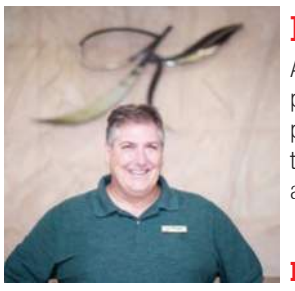

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Pointing out that Leyda I. Ada simply recycles her arguments again, the U.S. government is opposing her request for release pending the outcome of her appeal from her conviction of perjury and sentence.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe said the issues regarding the sufficiency of the evidence and the ambiguity of the question have already been thoroughly briefed and argued—and more importantly, rejected by the court.

As for Ada's argument regarding the cross-reference issue, Backe said the U.S. actually agrees the matter constitutes a "substantial question."

Cross-reference refers to the entire offense guideline.

Backe said critically though, the cross-reference only resulted in a one level enhancement to Ada's offense level.

Thus, Backe said, even if Ada prevails on appeal, it will not result in "a sentence that does not include a term of imprisonment [or] a reduced sentence to a term of imprisonment less than the total of the time already served plus the expected duration of the appeal process."

Therefore, the prosecutor said, it cannot serve as a basis for release pending appeal as well.

Backe, however, agrees that Ada does not present a flight risk or a danger to the community.

Ada is asking the federal court for her release pending the outcome of her appeal from her conviction of perjury and sentence to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Ada, through counsel Mark B. Hanson, recently filed the motion for release in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Ada filed in court last April 22 a notice of appeal of her conviction and sentence.

In Ada's motion for release, Hanson said the defendant is not a flight risk, is not a danger to the community, and her appeal and this motion are not for purposes of delay.

Hanson said Ada has and will present issues to the Ninth Circuit that are "substantial" in nature—fairly debatable—and that would require reversal or re-sentencing if she prevails on either of the issues presented.

The court will hear the motion today, Friday, at 1:30pm.

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CPUC suspends activity on new rate charge proposals

»Regulator awaits status on commissioner terms

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The CNMI's utilities regulatory agency yesterday voted in favor of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s request to suspend prehearing activity on proposed rate surcharges meant to recover dire losses from Typhoon Soudelor last year and finance needed capital improvements.

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, at the request of CUC, voted to defer on prehearing activity citing the status of the appointments of the commission's board.

"What this request means is just to suspend the activity because we are anticipating that the commission will not have a full quorum," CPUC chair Joseph Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview after the commission meeting. "We need three commissioners to conduct business, make orders and such, because my term is expiring along with [commissioner] Oscar Quitugua's.

He said CUC's "argument is that we don't want to do all this work and then six months later the commission asks them again to update it. It's like counting things twice."

"And so it's reasonable," he added.

According to Guerrero, his term and Quitugua's expires on May 30. The third commissioner Dave Guerrero's term expires in August 2017.

The CPUC chair went on to say even if they are reappointed they would still have to go through Senate and House confirmation and he said that might take about two months. If they don't get reappointed, he expects the near the same time for new commissioners.

Still, Guerrero disclosed when asked that he's gotten word that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will reappoint him. "He has until Monday to put something formal together. But the governor, in my conversations with him, he understands the importance of the commission's work and the service that we provide to the entities and the oversight of rates and the utilities."

Yesterday, the regulatory board suspended a prehearing on rate case, number 16-01, which centered on the adoption of two new surcharges on CUC's electric customers.

One was a "disaster recovery surcharge" intended to reimburse CUC for costs incurred as a result of Typhoon Soudelor, and a capital improvement surcharge to finance needed capital improvements. The surcharges are proposed at $.0145 per kWh and $.0223 kWh, respectively.

The disaster recovery surcharge aims to recover $3 million in net revenue over a 12-month period.

The capital improvements surcharge is designed to recover $2.6 million over a year's time.

CPUC's and CUC's action defer movement on rate cases meant to help a struggling utility that CUC chief financial officer Matt Yaquinto and Economist.com consultants wrote was in continued "severe" and "serious financial trouble," according to pre-filed testimony on the rates last March.

Yaquinto, who was fired without cause on Wednesday by acting CUC executive director Gary Camacho, wrote in his testimony of the thousands of accounts offline for several months due to the devastating storm and how prior to that CUC's losses and troubles had been well documented. "Is there any evidence or reason to believe that CUC's position magically turned around or improved in the last five months? None whatsoever… Still as of today [we] have not reached [revenue] levels before the storm since hundreds of accounts were destroyed."

He said "revenues are down and expenses are way up," and also said that the typhoon caused $31 million in damage and counting to CUC's system.

Guerrero yesterday said the commission's duty was to always look at rate cases and analyze the merits of the case are.

"Higher rates are not necessarily bad for the public. Sometimes higher rates are justified to cover the costs of increase, costs that are beyond the control, cost of doing business for example," he said.

Sometimes rates are also required to fund projects, if we need new pipe or new power system or new vehicles or anything that creates power. So rate increases are not necessarily bad, it's just that it has to be justified," he added.

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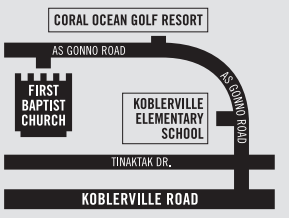

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MAHAL: It's time for unity

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While foreign workers are powerless and can do nothing but to follow the regulations of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services regarding the CNMI-only transitional worker program, an advocate for Filipino workers on island believes that by joining forces, some relief can be given to the workers who now face being sent back home due to the CW visa cap being reached.

Marianas Association for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. president Rene Reyes called on the employers, business leaders, lawmakers, workers and their families, as well a nongovernment organizations and advocates to come together to address the bleak situation currently affecting the Commonwealth.

"The workers can't do anything but the lawmakers, employers and congressman Kilili Sablan (Gregorio Kilili C, Sablan) can do a lot. It's about time to join our forces to seek the audience of Capitol Hill. Not just one or two, everyone who is concerned about the future of the CNMI should get together," Reyes said.

For the MAHAL founder and president, it's about time that workers be granted some kind of temporary relief or local residency, just like what they have been asking years ago from previous administrations.

"It's about time that they fast track and really think about the option which is to give temporary relief to the workers to be able to stay here in the CNMI until such time that the rebuilding of the economy is done or those who will be denied, they can be given parole and employment authorization document," Reyes said.

Reyes stated three things that might be done to address the situation:

First is to have a manifesto drafted and signed by all those concerned including officials as well as advocates who lead the Unity March in 2007 and other support group that seeks the Torres administration to provide emergency relief to all those who will be affected while a new amendment to the transitional period is being put into place.

Second is for the government to declare an emergency to give relief and at the same time, ensure the continued growth of the economy, and third, direct conversation with the new Philippine president.

"We have sought many times for relief in the past administrations of the CNMI but nobody listens because they treat us like commodities," Reyes said.

"It will be a big loss if the affected workers will go home because currently, the CNMI economy is growing and it needs workers more than what the cap provides," he added.

Reyes added that the workers are not asking for too much and they need the understanding of all concerned.

"The workers are here and showing loyalty by providing services not only for ourselves but for the benefit of our host country," Reyes said.

JUCUTAN

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and supporters surrounded Jucutan and his wife as they emerged from the Horiguchi Building in Garapan after the hearing.

The jurors began deliberating for less than 25 minutes on Wednesday and resumed their deliberations yesterday at 8am. The jurors sent a note to the court that they reached a verdict at 3pm.

Munson reconvened at 3:50pm.

The trial started last May 17. Assistant U.S. attorney Lorfing called a total of 14 witnesses, while defense counsel Blackburn called Jucutan and nine other witnesses to the stand.

Jucutan was a member of the Army Reserve from November 2006 until he retired in November 2014. He is currently a teacher at Dandan Middle School.

According to the second superseding indictment, using an online portal/website, Jucutan electronically submitted the personal identifiable information for four nominees without the knowledge or consent of the nominees on Aug. 25 and 26, 2007, and on June 6, 2009, and on Oct. 28, 2007.

According to Lorfing, over the period of the charged scheme, Jucutan nominated 38 people—of which only 15 were nominated with the consent of the future soldier.

Lorfing said Jucutan was paid $17,000 in compensation after nine of his nominees signed enlistment papers and shipped to boot camp.

The four wirings charged in the indictment were done when Jucutan submitted the personal information of various nominees through the Document & Packaging Brothers Inc. (Docupak) website.

Docupak was a contractor based in Alabama tasked to administer AR-RAP.

The four aggravated identity theft charges were done when Jucutan possessed various soldiers' Social Security numbers without their permission.

AR-RAP was designed to assist the Army Reserve meet its recruiting goals by offering financial incentives to soldiers known as Recruiting Assistants (RA).

Lorfing said RAs were expected to personally recruit future soldiers that were within their sphere of influence such as friends, family members, classmates, and acquaintances, among others.

Jucutan worked as RA for Docupak. Like other RAs, Jucutan was paid based on the number of people he personally recruited and mentored to join the Army Reserve.

Lorfing said if the future soldier ultimately signed an enlistment contract, the RA who actually recruited that nominee would receive a $1,000 payment through direct deposit into a bank account designated by the RA in his online RA account.

The RA would receive an additional $1,000 direct deposit payment if the nominee attended basic training.

The AR-RAP prohibited an RA from nominating a nominee who the RA did not personally recruit. The RA was required to obtain a nominee's personal information directly from that nominee in order to receive the financial incentive for that nominee, according to Lorfing.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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about 2019, well we have to worry about it right now," Gibson said, "The law, as we all know, is not going to work."

"Zero in 2019 means we're going to lose 13,000 people in our workforce and we don't have 13,000 people to replace them with," he added, "Someone has to see the common sense and do the changes."

Yesterday's SHRM meeting was attended by human resource personnel, managers, and other business stakeholders in the CNMI—all gravely concerned how the current CW-1 crisis will disrupt their operations and how it will negatively effect the local economy.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Velma Palacios, who attended the meeting, shared the results of their survey to show how many employees might be affected by the CW cap.

Palacios said that out of their more than 165 members, 30 have responded so far and they have found 117 employees that are up for renewal between May 5 to Sept. 30. A total of 441 employees are up for renewal between Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh also shared the results of their survey and said that so far they have found 87 that are up for renewal between May 5 to Sept. 30 and 526 employees up for renewal between Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

These surveys are not complete yet according to both organizations. The number is expected to grow as the majority of the CWs got their new status approved only last December.

During the discussion headed by Gibson, questions and suggestions were thrown out clarifying the 10-day provision as well as the 240-day grace period among others.

"Why only 10 days? Because that's what USCIS said and even if they find a new employer, the employer cannot process the petition because the cap was reached," Gibson said.

"They're going to say we're following the law, we're following the regulation, and it doesn't matter to them if the person has a lease or a new car they have to get rid of, if they have kids in school, if they have been here in 20 years, that doesn't matter. That's why the governor and the congressman have to be involved because those things do matter," he added.

There were also clarifications on how the CW status is being counted and how are the transferees or those who have two employees count.

Gibson offered a suggestion on how the workers can still retain their lawful presence in the CNMI that doesn't involve changing the law.

"As long as the petitions are pending, and with the USCIS, the employee has a lawful status. If it's in lawful status, it has 240 days to work, then that takes us up to Oct. 1," Gibson said.

"It doesn't break any laws, it doesn't require the law to change, and it doesn't violate their regulation. It just requires that they be slow. We've all experienced that anyway," he added.

'What is the government doing?'

One member of the audience noted that there were no representatives from the Office of Governor, the Legislature, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) office in the meeting.

Only CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero came to the meeting to clarify some of the news and information that got out regarding CWs.

"This issue is very important, and I'm surprised that there is no representative from the governor, from the Legislature or from congressman Kilili," the member said.

According to Gibson, they were "told that their chief of staff will be here but they are not."

"What is the governor doing?" another audience asked.

"We hope that they will be doing something quickly," Gibson said.

SHRM president Josephine Mesta sought more comments or concerns from the businesses on the matter so that they can be represented and shared with the government officials.

SHRM is seeking to have a meeting with Sablan after Memorial Day.

"They can all sit there and talk about the legal side and the political side, but really on a day-to-day basis, we are the ones who get affected. We need to have our voices heard," Mesta said.

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slapped Ada with a sentence of two years and three months imprisonment.

Ada was allowed her continued release pending the designation of her federal prison facility. She was required to call the U.S. Marshal Service thrice a week to check if there already is an available federal prison facility for her.

Last June 26, a federal jury reached a verdict, acquitting Ada of the charges of conspiracy to commit money laundering and money laundering, but finding her guilty as to the crime of perjury.

The 12 jurors found Ada guilty of perjury when she signed "no" to the question in the "CJA form" if she has any cash on hand or money in savings or checking accounts.

In order to determine whether Ada could afford her own lawyer when she was arrested, she was required by the court to truthfully complete a financial affidavit.

In the paragraph entitled "Employment," Ada also checked the "no" box indicating that she was not employed.

According to the indictment, Ada's statements were false because she knew that she had $4,000 in cash at the time in her personal clothing drawer at her house and had access to and was an authorized user of at least two bank accounts.

Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Leyda Ada's husband, Melvin Ada, is a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center. He pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to a medical supplier company totaling over $1.7 million. Last December, he was slapped with a sentence of 12.7 years imprisonment. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Yaquinto's contract stating, "In accordance with the fifth paragraph of your employment contract with CUC, and in accordance with Paragraph No. 8(B) of the Conditions of Employment which is attached to and made a part of your employment contract, you are hereby notified that your employment with CUC will terminate on June 25, 2016."

"The termination of your employment with CUC is without cause," it added.

In a phone interview with Camacho, he stated simply that they are following the provisions of his contract.

"Mr. Yaquinto's terminated without cause pursuant to the provisions of his contract," Camacho said.

Asked if they are not satisfied with Yaquinto's work, Camacho declined to answer, repeating again that he did it "pursuant to his contract."

Camacho is the only official allowed by the CUC board of directors to speak to the media and no other employee of CUC can give official statements.

CUC board chair Adelina Roberto said it was "the executive director's decision" and he exercised "that part of Yaquinto's contract." She declined to comment further on the matter.

Yaquinto's termination was made on the same day that some of the board members met with acting governor Victor Hocog to talk about government accounts receivables among others, and a day after Yaquinto reported to the board of directors that the corporation is going bankrupt due to lack of revenue. The board is responsible for setting policies to ensure revenues for the corporation.

It also comes after a board director shared the board's expenses in the last two years and stated that the board is on its way to go over its budget.

Yaquinto, with his extensive experience and knowledge in accounting and working with power companies, has been with CUC since April of last year.

Seaman's suit over injury after fall from vessel settled

Maersk Line, Limited has settled a lawsuit filed by its former employee who sued over the injury he suffered when he fell to the deck of a United States merchant vessel while at port in Diego Garcia in 2011.

Seaman Chrisnoen Marquez, through counsel Bruce Berline, and Maersk Line Limited, through counsel Jehan' Ad G. Martinez, have notified the federal court that they reached a settlement agreement.

With the settlement deal, Berline and Martinez, asked the court to dismiss with prejudice the lawsuit in its entirety.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the parties' request on Tuesday.

Manglona ordered that each party shall bear their own attorney's fees and court costs.

Manglona said the court shall retain jurisdiction over the parties solely for the purposes of enforcing the terms and provisions of the settlement agreement.

Court documents did not mention the amount of the settlement.

In his lawsuit filed in December 2014, Marquez sued Maersk Line, Limited for Jones Act negligence, unseaworthiness, and failure to provide maintenance and cure.

Marquez asked the court to hold the defendant liable to pay him damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

According to Berline in the complaint, M/V *LTC John U.D. Page*, a U.S.-flagged merchant vessel, was anchored at Diego Garcia.

A superior ordered Marquez to conduct monthly maintenance work on the vessel, which included exercising a manual release lever on a spreader.

When Marquez pushed against the length of pipe that was placed on the manual release lever, the release lever suddenly broke free, hitting Marquez in his back.

Marquez fell to the deck of the boat.

Maersk Line sent Marquez to a doctor in Singapore and he was diagnosed with injury as a slipped or herniated disc in his lower back.

Marquez was later evaluated on Saipan by a doctor, who confirmed the Singapore doctor's diagnosis. The Saipan doctor recommended only physical therapy to treat the seaman's injury. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Producing local nurses behind program

Leticia Reyes dreamt of producing local nurses that would work and take care of the sick and elderly of the CNMI. That's why in 2009 she sought the help of various partners to begin a nursing assistant program.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Northern Marianas College, the Public School System, and the Workforce Investment Agency supported her dream of having the Saipan Southern High School as the associate institution for the pilot program.

"We started from scratch. There are times that I don't know if what we're doing was right. It was all trial and error," said Reyes, a former nursing director at CHCC, in last Saturday's Nursing Assistant Pinning and Path of Light Ceremony of 28 SSHS students.

The 28 students are part of Cohort 6, the last class that Reyes handled after she has already resigned at CHCC and would transfer to Saipan Health Clinic.

"I've been working as a nurse for a long time. And we talked about how to produce local nurses in the CNMI. That's why we thought of the idea of starting it at an early level. Introduce a program for high school students," said Reyes.

Reyes

"Some were reluctant at first since they thought nursing is hard. They wanted to join but don't know how and know nothing. With the proper guidance and giving them time to learn they found out that it is not that hard," she said.

"We saw the potential of all the students that became part of the program. We saw how dedicated they were in caring for the patients. Some also showed that they have experience in taking care of others since they also took care of their relatives or other family members at home," Reyes added.

She said that she is still convincing members of Cohort 5 to continue their studies in nursing.

CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero, in a message read by Frances Torres, said the CNMI healthcare sector "could not be any better without your commitment and desire to pursue your career in the profession."

"As we all know people are living longer and will also need professionals like you. You are one of the many in the world who have the heart, patience, and overall desire to care for humanity with their medical needs," DeLeon Guerrero said.

Steffie Cate Alipio, Ayanna Atalig, Rhea Banados, Lizel Bandales, Hanzel Bataan, Agnela Cruz, Jacqueline Dalawampu, Lethel Estioko, Marchie Fernandez, Hannah Hofschneider, Mae Indalecio, Jun Pyo Jeon, William Johnson, Martin Kapileo, Celya Kaufer, Ji Sun Lee, Juliet Lee, Robyn Lee, Mariol Joy Lopez, Annika Matias, Sergio Mendiola, Fariha Omar, Serafina Rogoyawa, Narleen Siech, Katheyrine Tuquero, and Hoi Lun Yu are the students who finished the nursing assistant program. ***(Jon Perez)***

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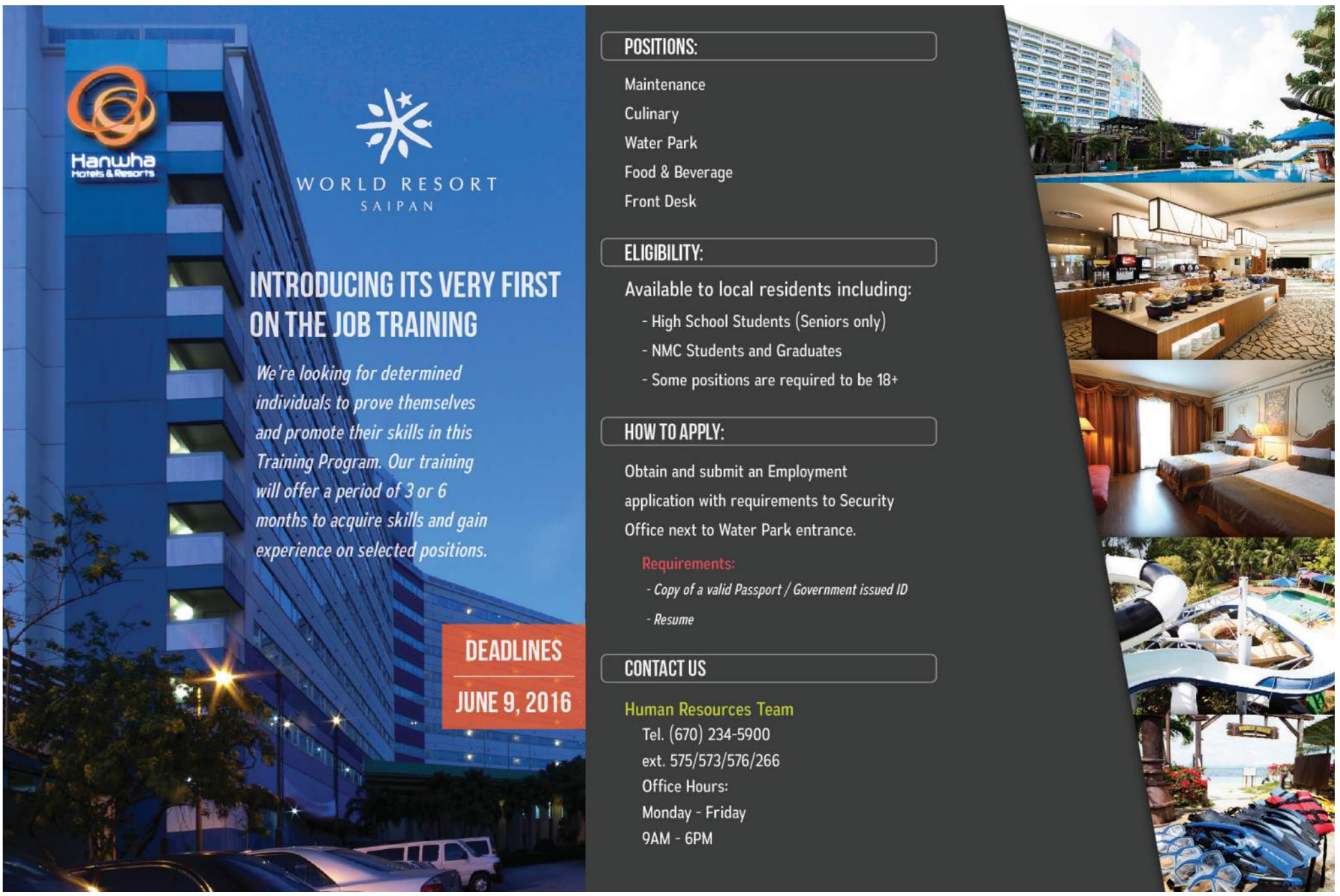
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MHS students showcase filmmaking skills

Marianas High School students showcased their filmmaking skills last Friday in the school's 3rd Annual Film and Arts Festival that also celebrated the end of school year.

The Video Productions Club and International Thespian Society Tech Club of MHS organized the event—from marketing, setting up the lights and sound machine, to soliciting to the community to make sure the event was a success.

The films that were presented last Friday night were *Visitor* by Oshay Sablan, *Crossroads* by Jose Rabago Jr., *Incomplete* by Beltran Muna, *Underground Card Players* by John Pangelinan, *Yours Truly, Anthony* by Nemerlyn Magat, and ending the night with *Infiltrator* again Sablan.

"*Crossroads* is a short film inspired by a comedian" according to Rabago. "The moral of the story is never to get directions from a person that you don't trust, giving it the comedic feel."

Incomplete is about finding the meaning of happiness. The main character has everything he wants but feels unhappy until a friend of his took his happiness.

Yours Truly, Anthony is a sequel to a previous film by Magat entitled *Dearest Andrea*. It acts as closure for Andrea and Anthony's unlikely story with many twists and turns. Sablan's *Infiltrator* is about the fears of being stalked and followed, even in the safety of your own home. While Muna's other film *Visitor* is about two friends coming across an abandoned lighthouse with a disturbing past.

Sablan and Magat will be competing in Lincoln, Nebraska for the short film competition at the annual International Thespian Festival against other high school students. This event, co-organized by the MHS student filmmakers in the Video Productions Club and ITS Tech Club, was held to show their skills in visual arts and share them with the public.

"We do this for ourselves because not many people get to watch these films so when we present them during the event we have the chance to make people feel scared, sad, happy, inspired, and something they could relate to in their personal live," said Muna.

"So when we see the crowd laughing, screaming, crying, or any other emotion, their reaction gives us the pride that we will continue to do what we love and to never doubt ourselves," he added.

The festival began in 2012 with ITS Tech Club, having only a few members, wanting to show their films. Bruce Li, Angelo Alvarez, Steven Roque, Jackie Manglonzo, Dennis DeGuia, and David Yang where the only members then.

"Thanks to them, this Film Festival is now a fun and never ending tradition that future members will enjoy just as we did," said Muna.

MHS Productions and ITS Tech members would like to thank their advisers for all the guidance given to them. From teaching them how to be independent and to working as a team. ***(Mackenzie Perez)***

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Films by aspiring filmmakers from Marianas High School were shown last week in the school's 3rd Annual Film and Arts Festival.

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May 28 is last night for Taste of the Marianas

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Television hosts of the Korean Broadcasting System sample the empanada of Hula Girl's at the 18th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 21, 2016, at the American Memorial Park.

Tomorrow's final night of the 18th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden at American Memorial Park will have extended hours up to 11pm and will include two performances by the United States Air Force Band of the Pacific Hawaii.

This Saturday's final night of the annual celebration in honor of May Tourism Month will include another full line-up of entertainment: United States Air Force Band of the Pacific Hawaii (6pm), Rose Dance School (7pm), K-Pop (7:45pm), Simiyan Mañainata (8pm), Saipan Music and Dance (9pm), Fire Dance (9:45pm), and a second performance by the United States Air Force Band of the Pacific Hawaii (10pm).

Last Saturday, Mariel Ann Panaligan of Best Sunshine International served up the best drink, "Island Desire" Champion, Best in Showmanship, and Best in Taste to win the amateur division of the NMI Bartender's Cocktail Competition, while Jeffric Mendoza of Hard Rock Café Saipan won the professional division with his "Isla Fresco" Champion, Best in Showmanship, Best in Taste.

"We're looking forward to a great crowd on our final night of Taste," said Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "Taste is the biggest and best annual party on island. Not only are the hotels and other vendors serving up delicious choices at very affordable prices, but people come to enjoy the dances and spend time with friends and family."

This year's Chefs Competition has been cancelled due to low participation.

Taste of the Marianas offers international cuisine at affordable prices by 17 hotels, restaurants, and drink vendors; non-stop live entertainment on the main stage; nightly contests on the secondary stage; and arts and crafts sales. Participating vendors are: Coral Ocean Point Resort, D'Elegance, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Furusato Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Hula Girl, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, Matty's BBQ, Sierra's Pearl Shakes, Tony Roma's/ Capricciosa, Tropical Chill, Pacific Trading Co., Marianas Pacific Distributors Inc., and Northern Marianas Bartenders Association. ***(PR)***

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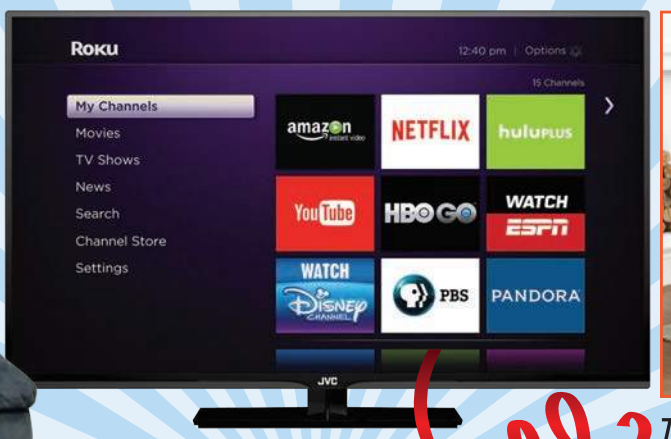

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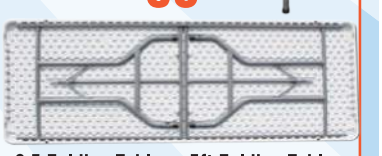

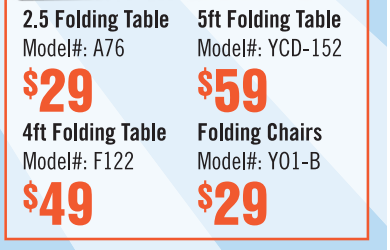

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FBI has open investigation in Luhk sisters' disappearance

The Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday disclosed that it maintains an open investigation into the mysterious disappearance of Faloma and Maleina Luhk five years ago in As Teo, Saipan.

Asked for an update in their investigation, FBI Honolulu Division supervisory special agent Matthew McDonald said they continue to take tips and investigate any viable leads that they receive.

"Unfortunately, thus far none of the tips or leads have resulted in evidence sufficient for criminal charges," McDonald said.

However, the FBI spokesman said, they welcome the public's vigilance and concern over this matter and urge them to come forward should they have any information.

Then 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina Luhk were last seen on their way to school on May 25, 2011, near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo.

Elbert Quitugua, grandfather of the Luhk sisters, told *Saipan Tribune* on Wednesday that they are still so sad that there's not even any update from local authorities from what's going on or if they are still pursuing the case or not.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero, in an interview, said DPS is closely working in coordination with federal law enforcement agencies in the Luhk sisters' case. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Birthday greetings go out to Bea Joy Blanco who celebrated her special day last May 24 at Shirley's Coffee Shop Susupe.

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CONGRATULATIONS

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Congratulations to Ann Mariel Flores for graduating suma cum laude during the University of Guam's graduation exercises on May 22, 2015. She is the daughter of Oscar and Mariquita Flores of Dandan, Saipan.

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Saipan resident Jay Manuel Villagomez graduated from the University of Guam on May 22, 2016. He obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Health Science Concentration in Exercise Science and Health Promotion. Villagomez was also commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant on May 21, 2016 with the United States Army. He will be going on reserve at Fort Gordon Georgia and will be pursuing graduate school.

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Kanoa Resort has new operations director

Asia Pacific Hotel Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Glenn Policare as the new director of Operations at Kanoa Resort Saipan.

Policare joined Kanoa on May 16 after serving his most recent role as director of Sports, Entertainment & Activities at Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Policare possesses over 13 years of experience in the hospitality industry with managerial roles at PIC and World Resort. Kanoa general manager Wendi Herring comments, "He possesses the skills, dedication and dynamic work ethic required to be successful in this industry and will quickly prove himself to be an asset to our team."

As director of Operations, Policare is focusing primarily on the Rooms Division, Food & Beverage, and Sports & Recreation departments. He is tasked with ensuring that the momentum continues with raising service standards, increasing guest satisfaction, and identifying appropriate means to further develop the skills and talents of our workforce.

Kanoa Resort Saipan is part of Asia Pacific Hotel Inc., under the Tan Holdings Group of Companies. Located on a magnificent strip of beach in the heart of Susupe, the Kanoa Resort operates 224 guest rooms, two restaurants, two meeting rooms, a fitness center, pool with two waterslides, adventure zone activities, beach volleyball courts, and a retail outlet. Club C, DFS Saipan, CMLC Artha (Scuba), also have retail shops on the property. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Glenn Policare is the newest addition to the Kanoa Resort Saipan family after being appointed as operations director of the Susupe hotel.

Youth storytelling through poetry workshop on June 1

Jetnil-Kijiner

Lin

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is hosting a poetry workshop for high school and college students from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The workshop will be facilitated by poet Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner and photographer Daniel Lin.

Jetnil-Kijiner is a Marshallese poet, writer, performance artist, and climate activist. She is the founder of *Jo-Jikum*, an environmental non-profit organization in the Marshall Islands who teaches Pacific Studies courses at the College of the Marshall Islands. Jetnil-Kijiner has performed globally with organizations such as 350 Pacific, London's Southbank Center, Poetry Parnassus, Youthspeaks Hawaii, UC Berkeley's Poetry for the People, Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation and the Pacific Islander collective One Love Oceania. In 2014, she was selected to address the opening ceremony of the Climate Change Summit at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. At the summit, she performed a poem she wrote for her daughter entitled "Dear Matafele Peinem" that was followed by a standing ovation from the audience.

Photographer Daniel Lin is on a life-long journey to discover what it truly means to be a citizen of the world. His love for travel and focus on photojournalism has led him on extensive visits to the Pacific Islands and Asia working on issues pertaining to climate change, culture, and youth.

Lin is a regular contributor to *National Geographic* and the Associated Press. He currently resides in Hawaii where he is the Senior Research and Policy Specialist for Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL).

The workshop is set for Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at the Northern Marianas College room D-1, from 1pm to 2:30pm. Its goals are to empower youth to learn and use media and storytelling as tools for discovering the value of place and adaptation in their places. Participants will learn how to raise awareness about important issues in the CNMI on a local, regional, and global platform.

The workshop is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council through funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Interested participants are encouraged to register ahead of time to ensure that they get a seat. To register or for more information about the workshop, please call Eulalia V. Arriola at 235-4785 or send an e-mail to esvillagomez@gmail.com. The workshop is free of charge. ***(PR)***

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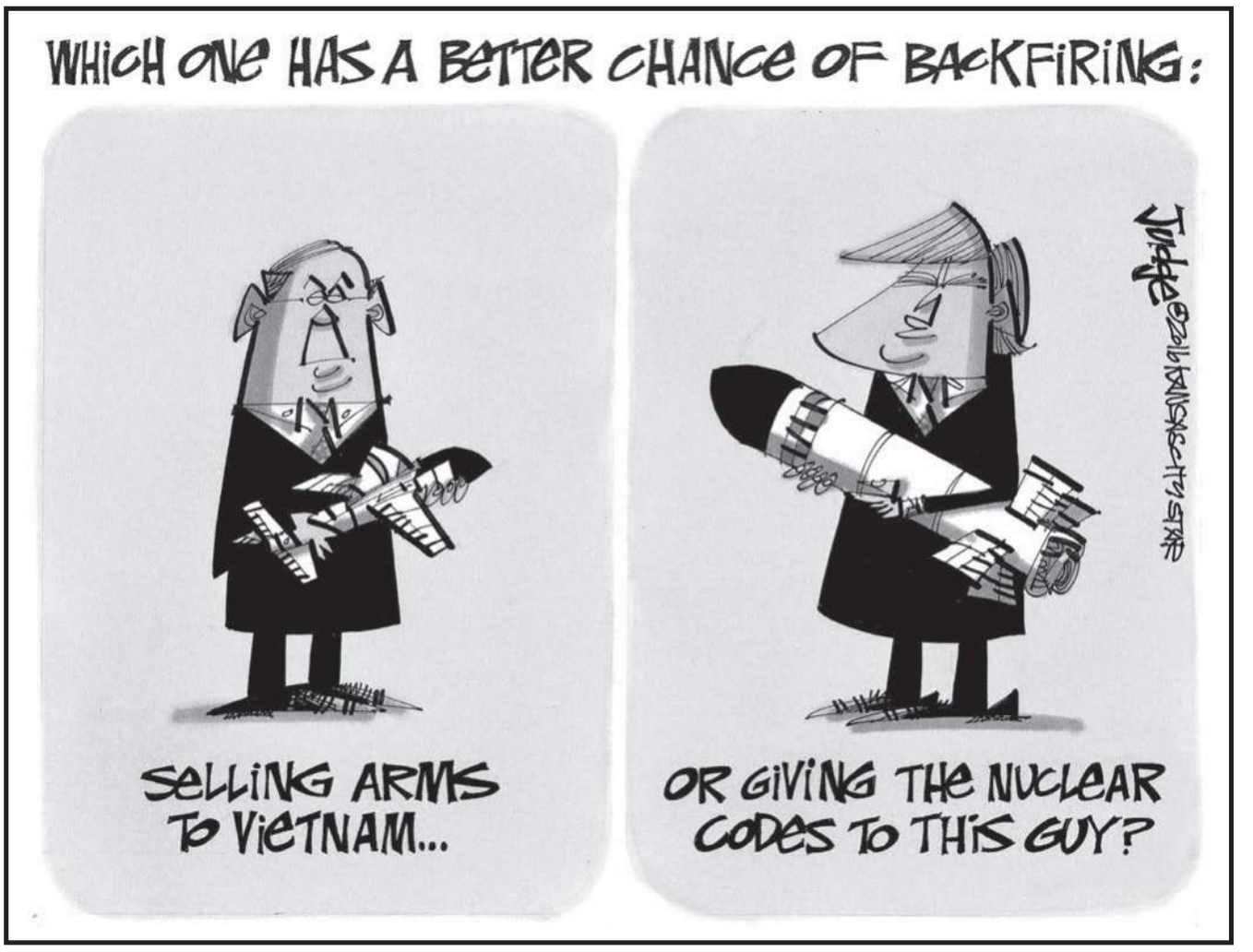

Bot burgers

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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For some people, every new day is an opportunity to excel and to follow their dreams. For me, a new day means another chance to eat a hamburger. My way is better. It has fewer risks of disappointment.

The humble burger has proven to be one of the most stable icons of modern life. I'll therefore submit it as an excellent index for trend watching, under the theory that if the bedrock of the burger business starts shifting, then something profound must have moved it. After all, I've seen many industries change since I was a kid, but the hamburger business doesn't seem to have changed at all.

Maybe that lack of change is, well, changing. Industry pros say that McDonald's may start replacing some human jobs with robotic devices. I don't know how much of that talk is mere speculation, and how much is rhetoric for various industry and policy issues; I guess only time will tell. But there is some movement on related fronts.

For example, another hamburger chain, Wendy's, is said to be unveiling automated order takers for some of its U.S. mainland locations later this year.

In the broader realm of fast food, a Shanghai KFC has unveiled a robot order-taker named "Dumi." Meanwhile, Pizza Huts in Asia are teaming up with MasterCard to bring robot service to their restaurants; the robot model is called "Pepper," and I've mentioned it before in this space.

It's not clear to me whether today's examples of food-service robots are used as gimmicks to attract attention, or if they're genuinely able to out perform human labor for certain jobs.

When it comes to the customer service jobs, the automated interface is a pretty old idea. I remember when an automated teller machine first arrived at our local bank. That was in the 1970s.

In the mid-1980s, we were tending our mutual funds using automated voice prompts over touch-tone phones. I don't recall if we just checked our balances that way, or if we could actually buy and sell, but, either way, the days of talking to a broker were, for many people, drawing to a close.

By the mid-to-late '90s, the Internet became a giant catalog, of course. Amazon.com is the blockbuster example, but I recall an outfit called Cyberian Outpost being popular in Saipan back in the day. The first Web order I ever placed was from the Joeten-Kiyu library's computer center.

In recent times, we've seen airlines use electronic screens for self check-in, and I've seen some banks replace many of their tellers with fancy, high-tech kiosks that are like turbo-charged ATMs.

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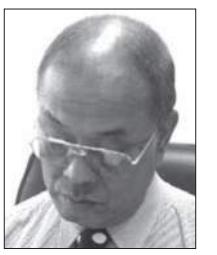
New labor shock, really?



By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Tidings that the CW number has maxed out for this year "shocked" the NMI to its wits. Understood how this would negatively impact midsize and small businesses or impending investments. But U.S. Public Law 110-229 has been in the books since 2009. Do you still blame USCIS?

The impact is exacerbated by the lack of a fully thought out plan detailing our needs. It would have meant realistic planning with all issues considered. How do we navigate this and other equally vital components without a unified plan?

In the mid-'80s, a few of us wrote extensively opposing federal takeover of immigration. It was about our "economic freedom" as a fledgling territory. But too many politicians were rather mute and treated the issue with inconsequence.

Some have even seen fit to ride as white knights on the coattails of former congressman George Miller completely ignoring the consequence of the federal takeover of immigration control on the local economy. There's no vision and pols settled to watching black and white television instead.

Here we are today trying to make apples and oranges on an issue we ignored long ago. It is even more appalling the pretense of being "shocked" by what's coming down pike resulting from internal inadequacies!

If you will, U.S. Public Law 110-229 was designed with the intent to bankrupt the NMI in much the same way the U.S. did Puerto Rico when it killed a thriving pharmaceutical industry. The Caribbean territory is drowning steadily with a debt of some $72 billion. This as the U.S. Congress now debates how to help Puerto Rico it helped bankrupt!

We had $2.1 billion garment industry that was generating hefty sums in local revenue. Combined with tourism we reached the peak years of the mid-eighties. We even told the U.S. Congress in 1993 no more grant funds.

But Congress killed the industry via the takeover of local control of immigration. You emasculate the NMI of immigration control and it instantly derails the labor component. It presents a perfect set up to begin the march towards permanent bankruptcy.

Dizzying the combined internal inadequacies saddled atop a federal design to bankrupt the islands. And we didn't stand up in defense of our economic freedom. We're now at a strange juncture with dropped jaws quizzing, "Now what?" Please leave some room for aftershocks too!

Bankrupt utility agency

Other than labor shortage shock, there's also the more vicious electrical shock of the utility agency going broke anytime soon. It won't have funds for operations, capital improvement program (water and power emplacement) or money to pay its debts.

It's another instance where we display the lack of vision by planning ahead what are the needs of the NMI. It's all ad hoc or engaging in Band Aid solutions over the benefits of long-term planning. Recalled as secretary of DPL giving the utility agency some $3.5 million through MPLT to upgrade the power plant at Lower Base. That was the extent of power improvements since.

The drought season isn't helping with wells going dry all over. Is there anything in the drawing board to address and resolve the creeping, crippling water problem? Would water and power be sufficient for new projects now in the wings when mirrored against a bankrupt utility agency? Hello? Is EVERbody home?

Stagnancy wrapped in negligence

Stagnancy is like sediment at the bottom of the pond. It stays there, doesn't move, algae takes over, decomposition begins, it stinks, it's unhealthy! It's a perfect description of the local economy where wages and salaries haven't changed for the better for over 20 years now.

Is there a plan to change the toxic water or quality of life in paradise? The answer is in the affirmative and it takes courage to wrestle the issue to the ground. It isn't a radical answer per se but the only practical solution to helping hard hit employees and their families!

A realistic issue making addressing the matter one of urgency: For instance, a few years ago a can of tuna sells for $0.99 each. Today, the same can of tuna costs $1.69 per can, an increase of nearly 70 percent. Question: Did wages and salaries

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CWs, where are we headed now?

Since 2004, foreign workers expressed a lot of action and initiatives for improved immigration status, but CNMI government officials and the business sector were very silent about these issues. Now they are looking up high for a solution to maintain the CW workforce that they badly need, but sorry to say that the issues are beyond their control. Only a handful of medium and small business supported us physically and financial.

"Under U.S. Public Law 110-229, Title VII Section 701 (a) (2), in the U.S. Congress was intended to minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, potential adverse economic and fiscal effects on phasing-out the commonwealth's nonresident contract worker or CNMI only Transitional Workers (CW) program and to maximize the commonwealth's potential for future economic and business growth."

However, what we are seeing today are policy decisions that contradict the intent of Congress. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services last Saturday announced it had reached its 12,999 cap on number of contract worker permit applications, and it would reject applications received after May 5, 2016 including those for extensions of stay for current contract workers.

Furthermore, the USCIS said that if an extension petition is rejected, then the beneficiaries listed on that petition are not permitted to work beyond the previous permit, and that the affected and petitioned family members, must depart the CNMI within 10 days after the their permit expired, with no hint of extension or grace period offered. Ridiculous act, isn't it?

Action to stop implementation of CW Final Rules

On Oct. 20, 2011, seven of us filed Civil Action No. CV 11-0021 *Pro Se* to U.S. District Court for the NMI, a Complaint for Declatory and Injunction Relief, "a challenge to the Department of Homeland Security and U.S, Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) the assertion of general authority to enforce, and execute the CNMI-only Transitional Worker (CW) Final Rule to the foreign workers population in the CNMI but was dismissed with prejudice due to lack of merit and on the grounds that we fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted".

CV 11-0021 Statement of Case paragraphs 9:

"Plaintiffs/petitioner seeks on their behalf and similarly situated individuals, who are foreign workers in the CNMI affected by the CW final rule, declaratory and injunctive relief under the Administrative Procedures Act 5, U.S.C sec. 706(a) for violations of their rights pursuant to the U.S Constitution and laws of the United States".

Statement of Case paragraphs 48:

Defendants suffer no injury if and when the CW final rule is delayed but foreign workers who are adversely affected by its implementation will suffer the greater injury of being deprived of their life, liberty, and property without due process of law, and if the employers were not able to file CW renewal, CWs themselves suffer the entire burden of being jobless and become out of immigration status.

Statement of Case paragraphs 49:

Granting an injunction serves the public interest of the large number of people who will be affected by the implementation of the CW final rule. As indicated in the CNMI government's own petition for injunction against the CW interim rules in 2008, the petitioners assert that the act requires ultimate removal of some 16,750 foreign workers, who, in virtually all cases, will not be able to qualify for federal immigration visas. Many of these workers have lived in the Commonwealth for years and have children who are U.S. citizens. In addition, all residents of the Commonwealth will be affected by the economic devastation occasioned by the forced removal of two-thirds of the Commonwealth's private sector workforce." CV 11-0021 was dismissed without prejudice.

For the record, plaintiff appealed and intended to amend the lawsuit.

On my open letter addressed to all concerned foreign workers, businesses, and supporters I wrote dated July 22, 2014 and I quote; "The USCIS website said, if the I-129CW petition is denied, the petitioning employer can appeal a denied CW-1 petition by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion. USCIS said only the petitioning employer, not an employee, may appeal the denial. You can only appeal the denial of the petition for CW-1. If the filing employer committed an error that led to the petition's denial, the employer can appeal the decision and submit the correct information to USCIS. Alternatively, your employer can submit a new petition. However, you are not authorized to remain in the CNMI after your CW-1 status expires," the USCIS website said. Further, if the employer files Form I-290B Notice of Appeal because the worker's I-129CW was denied, the worker is no longer allowed to continue working.

If your CW-1 status has expired, you are not considered lawfully present or authorized to continue working, even if you have a pending appeal, the website said.

"At any given time, USCIS can change the rules from 90 days to six months of renewal filing, can amend the Q&A, but there is no indication that they will change their rules that will embrace dedicated CW1 workers if their employers failed to comply with the complete CW1 document's filing within the period as required. The CW1 rules & Regulations had "NO" protection for CW1 workers for failures that is beyond their control".

In February 2016, USCIS revised the 90 days to six months for renewal filings.

Because of the 2016 cap of 12,999 had been reached already, the statement above is no longer applicable, thus a lot of foreign workers will soon be affected and become unlawfully present in the CNMI, catastrophic failures that is beyond foreign workers' control.

On the same letter, I emphasized U.S District Court of NMI judgment, and I quote; "Notwithstanding the balance of harms or how much the public interest would be served, given the unlikelihood that [the] plaintiffs will succeed on the merits of their claim and the lack of irreparable harm for all foreign workers and businesses because of the implementation of the final rule, the court concludes that [the] plaintiffs have not established their entitlement to a preliminary injunction."

The U.S District Court of the NMI judgment was merely based on the dismissal of the current status of the plaintiffs without considering future effects that foreign workers are currently facing now. The hardship, the irreparable harm, and the public interest are now being experienced.

"The Congressional intent in this transition needs to be carried out, and we as plaintiffs are convinced that if we can make our complaint stronger, the better and this can only be done if we join our hands together in amending the lawsuit. CNMI officials and Chamber of Commerce request to the U.S. Department of Labor for a five-year extension on the federalization transition period set to expire in 2014 for nonresident workers extension of work authorization is nothing but an abusive act because there is no guarantee that foreign workers could get permanent immigration status after 2014. The CNMI officials and the U.S. government (immigration department) are one in abusing the very talent and resources of foreign workers without any reward in giving improve immigration status in return. While it is true that foreign workers are getting paid for work they perform, that is common to all. To be fair to all concerned, an individual who has been contributing his/her expertise in all types of labor for a decade must be awarded with utmost consideration without fear of being deported. It is not only because you need foreign workers (and foreign workers need employment) to sustain the need for businesses to survive and for economic reason, but also to see to it that foreign workers must receive or must be granted equal protection similar to that of U.S. permanent residents for humanitarian reason as members of the community. Now, foreign workers are suffering and distressed because of the pending CW issues and/or release. We are looking forward to your positive response in our request to join us for our cause."

This appeal was never considered by many including businesspersons, CNMI concerned officials, and even foreign workers alike. Now, everyone (if not all) are asking the USCIS, WHY? Your inaction before is the answer to the question today. It's been said that, "prevention is better than cure." You are trying to cure the problem. Adios!

Carlito J. Marquez
Lower Base

LABOR

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increase at the same time to meet the rising cost of basic commodities or overall cost of living? I wonder what's the increase in other basic goods?

You are the best person to answer this question! If you're in the lower category of the income bracket then you know you have to endure paying most of the increases over the higher paid employees. I'm talking of the poorer sector slammed every which way by the spikes in the price of goods annually.

Moreover, over 51 percent of employees earn salaries that fall under federal poverty income level! Is this a reason to sleepwalk the issue in perpetuity? If you're an evil genius from imperial Capital Hill, have you an answer to alleviate forced abject poverty resulting from the lack of leadership?

Is the distance between the hill and villages the glorified divide that insulate you people from coming to terms with hardship among the multitude thus the continuing neglect?

Setting examples: In June of last year the Public Auditor issued an ethics code advisory telling elected officials to observe the mandates of the Ethics Act or they'd be dealt potential criminal and civil liabilities.

Remember the Singapore trip that was aborted after the OPA advisory was issued? The prevailing adolescent attitude slides into arrogance boasting they could do anything they please. It's hybrid seeds germinating and growing quickly in the Garden of Corruption here.

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Over all these decades, and despite the ubiquity of fancy technology, a humble $1 hamburger sale has eluded automation, while a $20,000 mutual fund transaction hasn't. Yet if we were to rewind everything by, say, 50 years, and we were asked to speculate about which realm would be the first to take a hit from automation, I suspect that most of us would have picked the hamburger flipper over the licensed securities broker. I know I would have.

One hunch I'll entertain is that if we're on the cusp of robo-restaurants, it may well be a newcomer to the industry that makes the breakthrough, just as it was Amazon that became the big force in cyber-retailing despite entrenched catalog houses such as Sears, J.C. Penney, and Lands' End. Newcomers can maneuver at will to build their vision, while the old players are frequently trapped inside of their own bureaucratic bubbles.

Still, there is some swashbuckling to be had even from some old-school names. In management circles, KFC, for example, is famous for the dexterity of its Asian operations. That reputation has been rolling for at least 20 years now. I've crossed paths with thriving KFCs in places so remote that I could scarcely believe they had electricity. Yeah, KFC is known as a chicken place, not a burger place, but, still, if I had to watch one big name as a bellwether of fast food trends, I'd pick KFC in Asia.

I'll readily admit that some of the industries that I've been involved with seem to indulge automation for the mere sake of automation, but I'll also admit that the world doesn't exist to suit my preferences.

As for the world's preferences, well, we can ponder one slice of that gig. The average American adult is said to spend over 11 hours per day using electronic media. That's from a Nielsen report for the last quarter of 2014. When it comes to the broad embrace of technology, then, I think the tipping point was passed a long time ago.

Faced with this brave new world, all we can do is look it in the photovoltaic eye and say, "Yes, I want fries with that."

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.
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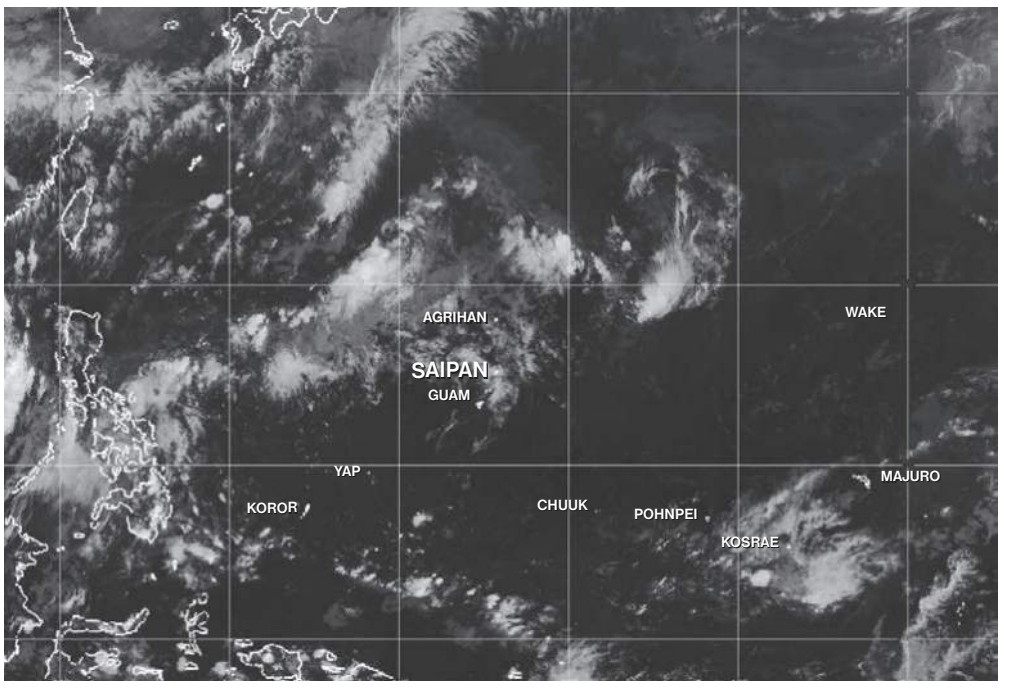

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence combined with upper-level divergence south of an upper-level low near 24N141E is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of the Marianas within 175 miles of a line from 15N133E to 23N142E. Another upper-level low is centered near Minami Tori Shima at 23N155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between 18N and 24N from 151E to 160E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Kosrae and south of Pohnpei between 1N and 7N from 157E to 170E. A surface trough east of Majuro extends northeastward from 5N173E to 10N177E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen northeast of Majuro between 8N and 13N from 172E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

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Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼78
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Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼80
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲63	▼56
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼60
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Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼62
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼62
Salem	Cloudy	▲64	▼47
San Francisco	Sunny	▲65	▼52
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼58
Tokyo	Rain	▲75	▼61
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼68

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12:55 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
6:42 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
11:10 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
6:30 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:07 PM	10:06 AM
Saturday	11:54 PM	11:00 AM
Sunday		11:55 AM
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
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7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
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3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lee Andersen is disrespectful and heartless for Rota

I usually try to remain professional and stick to the issue by not even mentioning people's name in letters to the editor. But when there is a personal character assassination attack on me I can't hold back on people like Lee Andersen. Lee admittedly worked with me smiling in my face and now he stabs me in the back with the devil in all of his details thinking and assuming he is a god and knows all about this issue. Lee complains about the $400K loan but he slanders me forgetting this is about a loan and the people of Rota, not me. He doesn't live on Rota so he could care less, which is why he didn't offer anything to help those people. I wish he was stranded on Rota for a month or even a year, I bet he would change his mind quick, fast and in a hurry. FYI Lee, the people of the CNMI know I have been writing for years trying to help all the people on all the islands of the CNMI and you haven't written anything to help anyone that I can remember, just a complainer who is obviously a sore political loser from this past election throwing rocks.

You need to start all over and get some "home training" that starts with respect Lee Andersen. Lee's filthy and below-the-belt attacking letter is one of the main reasons I keep writing because you can only talk about people but you don't have a clue to a solution for the real problem—the people of Rota who are suffering Lee—so what are you going to offer. FYI Lee, if the voters had listen to me on many of the people I have supported for office in the past people like you and others would not be complaining—duh and I told you so! But I have learned to be a team player who believes in trying to support the people in power because that is the only way to get something accomplished—duh! I no longer participate in the politics of an issue just the realities and I dropped the politics once the voters have decided because I respect the decision of the people. I am not going to throw rocks for four years like you and other haters and sore losers.

FYI Lee Andersen, the legalization of marijuana is not my scheme but a matter of national reform led by the president and only an uninformed idiot would think otherwise. You are just afraid and hating that I might have a good job if it happens. Legalization is quickly sweeping its way through all of America and you want the CNMI to remain in the dark ages and behind the

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	**Civil Action No. 16-0079E**
ELEANOR B. DELOS REYES,	**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION; NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
Decedent.	

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE ELEANOR B. DELOS REYES OR OF HER ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, **Bank of Guam** of Saipan, CNMI ("Petitioner"), has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Letter of Administration of the **Estate of Eleanor B. Delos Reyes, Decedent.** The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert T. Torres, Esq., whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. BOX 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration by Bank of Guam, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on June 7, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, G*uma' Hustisia*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing .

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or her estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **ROBERT TENORIO TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**

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Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden

This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by 14 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.

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MVA turns the spotlight on you as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics in the My Marianas feature of the Marianas Variety.

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Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. Tourism Trivia will air regularly throughout the month on Power 99 (97.5 FM), KZMI (103.9 FM), KWAW (100.3 FM), and KKMP (1440 AM and 92.1 FM).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Misconception of refutation'

Mr. Ambrose M. Benette appeared in the public domain forum once again after a period of absence. The MV *Luta* issue and his preaching on marijuana are recent ill-advised and poorly thought-out piece of logic that are not worth paying attention to. What prose championed by Ambrose Bennett on both points give good benchmark references to the old saying: It is not what you don't know that gives trouble, it's what you know that ain't so." In an argument, one should have a clear understanding of the premise and count the unimpeachable facts related to it in order to connect the unity of ideas to the conclusion as the truth of the argument.

Borrowing concepts and intellectual knowledge in the book, "The Problem of Logic" written by William Gibson and Agusta Klein, suggest that logic is the mind's systematic attempt to understand the nature and the conditions of the search after "Truth." The question of "What is truth?" pointed that truth can be viewed as: The unity of ideas as systematically organized through the control exercised by the relevant facts, or, the unity of ideas as systematically organized through the control exercised by the aspect of reality which is relevant to the purpose of the thinker. Truth should not be regarded as a datum, but as a problem.

The MV *Luta* is a legal or constitutional issue. It has nothing to do with the despair or hardship the Rotanese people hugged in their economic life. The question is one, is it legal or not legal? It is not if the law should allow giving a private citizen connected to Victor Hocog's family, but if it does or not. There is no such thing as yes, no, or probably. Hence, Ambrose Bennett's proposition of upside irrationality clutched the irrelevancy of his conclusion to a poorly organized thought. To answer Ambrose Bennett's point of views on the MV *Luta* matter and his masterful obfuscation on marijuana issue, all these are the subject of Aristotle's dictum on "ignoratio elenchi." Ignoratio elenchi is a Latin word meaning "an ignoring of a refutation." In other words, meaning "ignorance of refutation," or alternatively, "misconception of refutation."

Bringing the point of "ignoratio elenchi" does not focus much on what applies to Ambrose Bennett's writing and questionable conclusion to an argument, I alert your readers that this concept applies logically to the irrelevant conclusion of law the elected AG manifested by his solicited opinion that erroneously granted the acting governor Mr. Ralph DLG Torres to take over the reign of the power of the governor without election to that office. The fallacy in the conclusion and rule of law was disobedience committed by the beneficiary from that fateful opinion of the elected AG at the expense of the will of the CNMI people. A sanctioned violation of Article III, Section 7 of the CNMI Constitution is and was caused by fallacy would be an "ignoratio elenchi." Here disobedience of the law was concluded as the law by the elected AG who pronounced the fallacy of his conclusion and application of the law, and consequently received by the willingness of the beneficiaries to accept disobeying the law as "Truth" to an ill-gotten windfall.

The use of rational language in words cited to produce a position also derives factual action when qualification is ignored, and the elected AG may have engaged in "secundum quid." Resorting to the misuse of principle would be a "secundum quid" as well. When the "Truth" is compromised and fixed in fallacy, the culprits singularly and jointly are guilty of crime equal to treason against the will of the CNMI people. It is a shame that the beneficiaries of the fallacy on the interpretation and conclusion of law pronounced by the elected AG pertaining to the mandate of Article III, Section 7 of the CNMI Constitution would sit well in anointing the legitimacy of office belonging to the people of the CNMI. If we sleep at night, it is uncertain whether the beneficiaries of the fallacy do have their waking moments during the day that Article III, Section 7 of the CNMI Constitution was hijacked by collusion and thievery. This is no longer a mistake of opinion, but a corruption sanctioned by fallacy that was conceived by a silence and calculated maneuvers.

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rest of America. We are losing our future (our youth) every day to the mainland seeking a better quality of life and it may be a surprise to you Lee but the overwhelming majority of our youth are going to states that have legalized marijuana (Washington and Oregon)—heller! But all you can do is complain about progress for the people of Rota and the progress that legalization will bring to the CNMI. Lee Andersen, you appear to be an excellent example of an economic Scrooge and the only one ignorant enough to attack me! I can't help it that I am far ahead of the times and on top of what the future looks like in the rest of America and that we are missing out on progress! But you are stuck in the gutter of the past Lee trying to link past corruption to the present day activity—it seems that you will say anything out of hate. FYI Lee, the $400K was a loan not a government expense and everyone knows about it unlike the secret corrupt activity you mentioned, don't you and your crew get it? For me, you and the other complainers need to wait until the loan is not being paid and in default before you start complaining and filing a lawsuit—you are jumping the gun and being heartless in doing so!

PS: I have never offered a scheme, just solutions that the people never got because of people like you Lee who misled them that's why only I can say I told you so! But I do want to say thanks for letting me use you Lee to expound my side of the story which I'm sure is much more reasonable than the paranoia you are trying to sell. You also need to respect and stay out of people's personal business especially when you are not a god knowing all the facts, its ugly and the real God does not like ugly, so you will have to answer for it one day if not now–payers for you, as you will surely need them!

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman

The Sun our Ultimate Energy Resource

By PHIL YORIO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Phil Yorio is the general manager of Micronesia Renewable Energy, Inc.-CNMI.

Our Mother Sun was formed around 4.6 billion years ago and scientist agree that we have roughly another 5 billion years left before the sun will take its natural evolution from a red giant to a white dwarf and then eventually fade out to a black dwarf. The human race has been sun worshippers on this earth for many years with many different cultures starting with the ancient Egyptians to even when I was a child remembering my mother hanging cloths on the clothesline drying the day's laundry with solar power, I know she was praying for a sunny day on laundry day. It all starts with the sun, from our fruits and vegetables to everything of any value on this earth, without Mother Sun everything on this planet will cease to exists including ourselves.

So with 173,000 Terawatts of solar energy striking the Earth continuously, which is the amount of energy that equates to 10,000 times the amount of energy needed today to fuel 100 percent of the world's total energy use, why are we not using this energy for, well our energy usage. How smart we are today as a species on this beautiful planet but why are we so dumb when it comes to energy. We have the technology and it's improving year after year just as any other industry has over its lifecycle. We are gaining the economies of scale which have brought the pricing down significantly over the last 10 years, we have experts on our island who can install quality systems that can last well over the 25 year warranties of much of the major material associated with these systems, and we have financing options that event if you cannot afford to complete a direct purchase of a system you can still benefit from solar energy and go with a few different programs that solar energy companies offer. With all this, why as the guardians of this precious planet are we still allowing the burning of fossil fuel on our island.

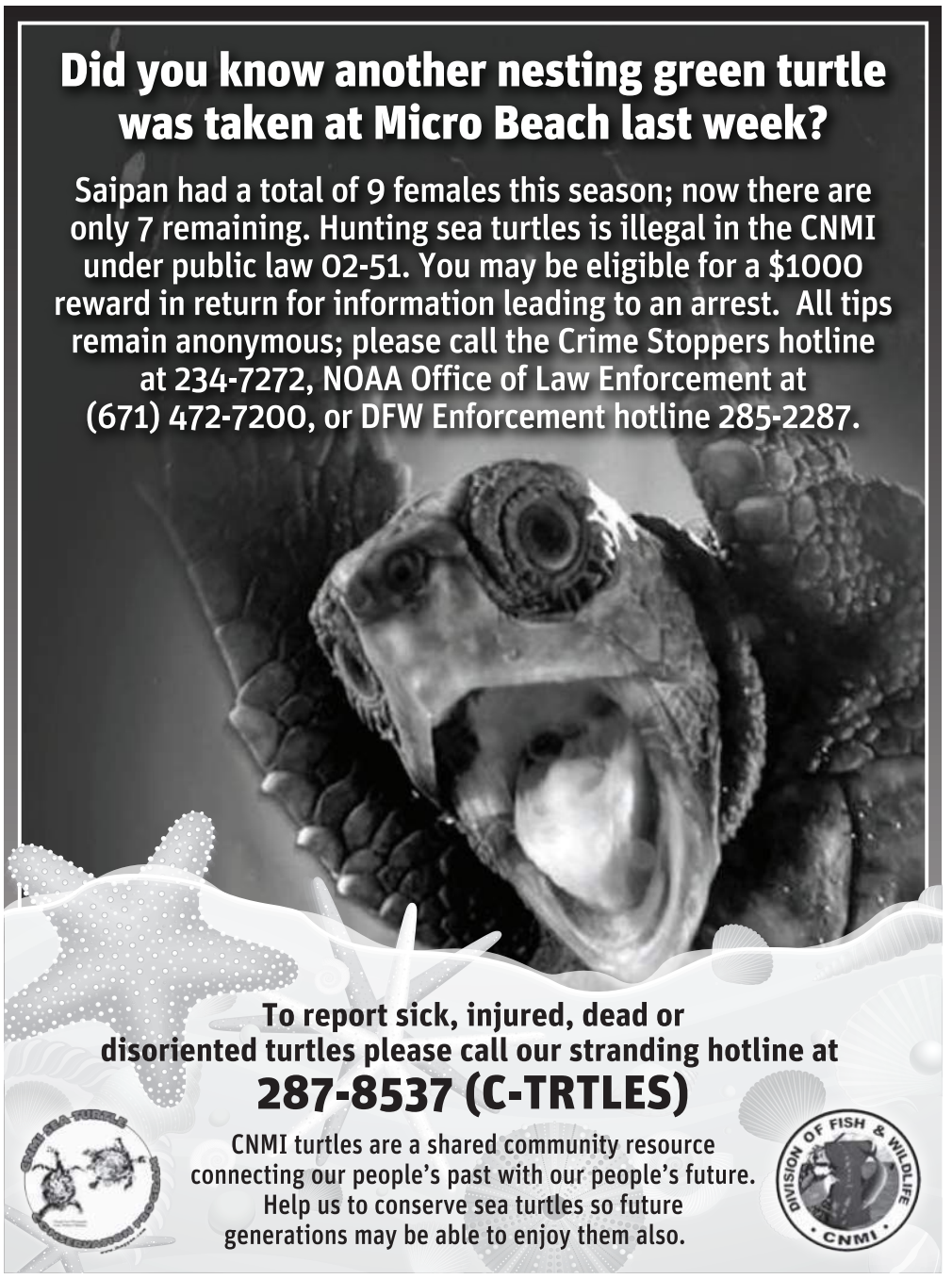
One of the saddest sights I believe that is seen from our island is a beautiful beach side sunset masked by the smoke bellowing out of the power plant stacks from our power plants. With millions of dollars going off shore every year to Singapore for fossil fuel it's time that we come up with a five-, 10-, 15-year energy plan that phases out these plants for more renewable energy, more storage systems and more reliance on our Mother Sun. It's funny the chosen few who have held the world and our island hostage for the last 80 years the oil industry is investing all of their profits back into renewable energy not fossil fuel. Saudi Arabia intends over the next three years to invest over $110 billion to become 100 percent renewable energy, fossil fuel free. Imagine that one of the world's leading producers of oil will be exporting 100 percent of it and not using their own product, unbelievable.

The Good Lord gave us this earth to protect and be her guardian, let's stop destroying this beautiful planet and use what God have given us, an infinite energy resource that comes up every morning, and let's hold our leaders accountable to pass smart legislation to help us get there.

Summer reading program at AMP

Pacific Historic Parks and the National Park Service invite all ages to participate in their summer reading program. The program kicks off June 1 and finishes Aug. 1. The program is themed WWII Reading BINGO. You can find your reading BINGO cards at American Memorial Park and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. Prizes will be offered to those that finish any five books on the BINGO card, finish five books in a row (BINGO!), or finish every book on the BINGO card. To collect your prize bring your BINGO card to American Memorial Park. Happy reading!

If you have any questions please feel free to call 670-234-7207, extension 2007 or e-mail nschafer@pacificchistoricparks.org. ***(PR)***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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NOTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: May 27, 2016

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination from the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) proposed "Amendment 4 to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Mariana Archipelago". Currently, regulations at 50 CFR 665.403 prohibit commercial fishing for bottomfish management unit species (BMUS) by vessels 40 ft and greater within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), 0-50 nautical miles (nm) around the CNMI from the southern boundary of the EEZ (south of Rota) to the north latitude of 16° 10' 47" (halfway between Farallon de Medinilla and Anatahan), and within the EEZ 0-10 nm around Alamagan. This proposal would remove prohibited areas for medium and large bottomfish vessels in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan.

More information on the NMFS Proposed Amendment 4 and the federal consistency determination request can be found at DCRM's website: http://ow.ly/iVSL300AGIG

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at erinderrington@becq.gov.mp. NMFS is also accepting public comments on this proposed action through www.regulations.gov.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for thirty (30) days, starting on May 31, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2016 in order to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies and still allow DCRM to issue its concurrence or objection within the sixty (60) day response period. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

Military training set at W-517

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting Military Exercises at the Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam. The schedule dates and time are as followed:

The general location of this activity will be at Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam comprising southwest into International waters.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is strongly advising the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operations Center- Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. ***(PR)***

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	UNIT'S & TRAINING
May 31	12pm-10pm	W-517	69-EBS 69-EBS Military Training
June 2	W-517	69-EBS	69-EBS Military Training

Mt. Carmel School welcomes new vice principal

Mount Carmel School recently announced that it had hired a new vice principal, Helene Lizama Manning, who comes on board just in time to prepare for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

Manning comes to the school with 12 years of educational experience spanning from 9th to 12th grade and Pre-K. Her expertise covers a wide range of skills and areas, including curriculum development, literacy development, expository reading and writing, college readiness, the co-teaching model, teaching for English language learners, 21st Century skills, Montessori methods, and enrichment opportunities for early childhood. Manning earned her Bachelors of Science degree from Texas Woman's University and will be obtaining her M.Ed. from Loyola University Maryland this summer.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Incoming Mount Carmel School vice principal Helene, left, with her husband Dino, right, and their son Kai.

School officials are very excited about Manning's entry into the school. "Not only does she bring a wealth of experience, but she is truly passionate about education and helping students succeed," said school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

He added, "She will definitely help us in our continuing efforts to improve curriculum, instruction, and assessment."

Manning is also excited about the opportunity to work at Mount Carmel School. As she put it, "I am truly proud to accept this new role and look forward to working with Mr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Mrs. Frances Taimanao, as well as the rest of the leadership team and staff, in our efforts and passion to do whatever it takes to provide enriching experiences and advance the achievement of all our students."

Manning is the daughter of Richard and Rebecca Lizama. She is happily married to Dino Manning and both are the proud of parents of their 8-year-old son, Kai. ***(PR)***

CLICK-IT OR TICKET
National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization
May 23 - June 05, 2016
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DAY & NIGHT
In real life you don't get a second chance.
Car Seat Recommendations for Children
Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time.
Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions; read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system; and check height and weight limits.
To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.
BIRTH 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
AGE (years)
Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.
REAR-FACING CAR SEAT
Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.
FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT
Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.
BOOSTER SEAT
Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.
SEATBELT
Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.
DESCRIPTION (RESTRAINT TYPE)
A REAR-FACING CAR SEAT is the best seat for your young child to use. It has a harness and in a crash, cradles and moves with your child to reduce the stress to the child's fragile neck and spinal cord.
A FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT has a harness and tether that limits your child's forward movement during a crash.
A BOOSTER SEAT positions the seat belt so that it fits properly over the stronger parts of your child's body.
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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED FOR
14 CFR PART 139 CERTIFICATION

CPA-RFP-015-16

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is accepting seals proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (RFP), and other contract provisions, for proposals from individuals, professional firms, companies and/or corporations to provide instructional training services specific to airports pertaining to the requirements imposed by 14 CFR Part 139, and related federal airport and safety policies applicable to airfield operations and Part 139 certificate holders including programs contained in the Airport Certification Manual (ACM). The successful proposer shall conduct instructional programs at the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) facility, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposals must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands no later than **4:30 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016.** Proposals received after this date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. One original and three copies of each proposal shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked as 'Confidential' and each envelope must include the RFP number on the outside. It is the sole responsibility of a proposer to submit its proposal or proposals in a timely manner.

A Proposal Package consisting of the Scope of Work and further details is available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. There is no charge for the proposal package.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: May 13, 2016

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Building Safety Code Division under the Department of Public works would like to inform the general public particularly the engineering firms and the building contractors in the CNMI that Subchapter 155-10.1 of the Building Safety Code Rules and Regulations clearly specifies the following:

§155-10.1-120 Site Plan: There shall be filed a site plan showing the scale, size, and location of all the new construction and all existing structures on the site, distance from lot lines and the established street grades; and it shall be drawn in accordance with an accurate boundary line survey. In the case of demolition, the site plan shall show all construction to be demolished and the location and size of all existing buildings and constructions that are to remain on the site or plot. The building safety official may waive the requirements of this section when the work involved is of a minor nature.

Now, therefore, effective Monday, June 6, 2016 all plans submitted to Building Safety Code Division of the Department of Public Works shall include Site Plan as prescribed in the aforementioned **Article §155-10.1-120**. The site plan or commonly referred to as Civil Plans shall contain the following information before the Building Safety Official initiate review and issuance of building permit.

The Civil Plan or Site Plan shall contain the following:

1. As-Built drawing the existing features within the site and surroundings as may be deemed necessary.
2. Setback measurement with respect to the lot lines and government right-of-way.
3. Finish floor elevation in reference to the street or roadway elevation or grade.
4. With the exception of single family residential unit, include layout and number of parking areas (stalls) and show intended vehicular movement within the parking area as well as ingress and egress.
5. Required applicable standard traffic signs within the project.
6. Grading and drainage plan including driveway connection to the public right-of-way showing its gradient.
7. Location of existing utilities and the proposed point of connections.

/s/ CASIANO M. BOSTRE, P.E.
Building Safety Official

/s/ PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-026

Opening Date: Thursday, May 19, 2016
Closing Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2016

Maintenance Worker

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Management Analyst or designee. Performs routine preventative and general maintenance of buildings, grounds, equipment and systems in accordance with safety procedures and safe work practices. Maintains cleanliness of facilities including sweeping, mopping, buffing and vacuuming floors and carpets; cleans surfaces including doors, windows and work surfaces; dusts shelving and equipment; performs custodial duties; and collects and disposes trash. Performs basic building maintenance; replaces light bulbs; performs basic repairs such as door knob replacement, blower fan repair, and other routine equipment repairs; maintains order with equipment, furnishings, work areas and supplies. Notifies appropriate resource for advanced troubleshooting or repair work. Performs basic grounds keeping and facilities maintenance; inspects areas to maintain safety and eliminate general hazards. Reviews supply needs and replenishes supply stock such as tissue, paper towels, trash liners and other supply needs; moves file boxes or other items to storage areas; ensures proper storage of cleaning materials, equipment and tools. Performs inventory check of supplies and initiates requests for replenishment. Maintains activity records or logs. Assists skilled maintenance workers with project tasks; may assist with basic carpentry, plumbing and electrical work. Position requires the ability to lift 50 pounds or more. May be exposed to hazardous cleaning chemicals. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Administration (Dandan Office) **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $16,155.00 per annum to $19,850.00 per annum. (Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.
POSITION(S) : One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. Knowledge of: Applicable tools and equipment of assigned maintenance tasks; Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skills in: Performing routine and preventative maintenance in assigned area; Performing housekeeping or custodial work; Performing basic equipment or system repairs; Monitoring grounds and work areas for hazards and safety; Reviewing and replenishing stock supplies; Initiating stock and equipment replacement; Maintaining activity records or logs; Assisting with basic carpentry, plumbing and/or electrical work; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
TSA RECAPITALIZATION PROGRAM
EXPLOSIVE DETECTION SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-006-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the removal and replacement of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Explosive Detection System (EDS) equipment at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport

The project is being funded by TSA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 3, 2016, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. A/E design experience in similar scoped projects in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (35 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) – (25 points);
3. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
4. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (15 points); and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points)

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, JUNE 17, 2016.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: May 13, 2016

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-015

NMC 1.0 MG WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of installation of a new transmission line between the new NMC tank and existing Kannat Tabla tank; removal of existing fiberglass tanks, 1.0 Million Gallon steel tank, yard piping, concrete vaults, and all other appurtenances at the NMC tank site; additional boring, design and construction of the new NMC 1.0 Million Gallon pre-stressed concrete water tank and foundation; installation of new NMC water tank piping, valve vaults, control valves, and other appurtenances; installation of a new booster pump (triplex system) with back-up generator at the NMC tank site; construction of a new chlorination station at the NMC tank site; construction of a new perimeter security fencing and facility lighting at NMC tank site; and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 420 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-16-015, Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) June 21, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 1, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB SAIPAN

We are seeking for high energy individuals with a positive, can do attitude.
Pacific Islands Club, Saipan is inviting qualified, U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

(1) ACCOUNTANT
Minimum of three (3) years work experience, preferably in hospitality. Degree in accounting required. Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (Excel) and must be knowledgeable in using Opera. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years of relevant work experience plus three (3) years of supervisory experience, preferably in hospitality industry. A Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance from an accredited college or university is required. CPA certification is preferred; Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint) skills are required. Knowledge in using Opera System, MAS 90 system (General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Purchase Order, Inventory Management modules), Kronos Payroll System and Web Cash management system. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) AIR CONDITIONING AUTO MECHANIC
Minimum of four (4) years of relevant work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ASSISTANT PASTRY COOK
Minimum of two (2) years of related experience with bread making, pastry making and cake decorating. Must have previous experience in high volume production including large banquets, functions and special events. High School Diploma or higher is required. Must be able to work early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays.

(2) ASSISTANT RESTAURANT MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years restaurant and/or hotel food and beverage experience required, plus have a minimum of three (3) years of experience working in a supervisory role in Food & Beverage. Proficient with the use of Microsoft Office and the use of Micros point-of-sale systems. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(2) BAKER
Minimum of three (3) years of related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) BARTENDER
Minimum one (1) year work experience; Must be at least 21 years old. Ability to speak Chinese, Korean, Russian or Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) BEVERAGE SUPERVISOR
Minimum of five (5) years of bartender experience, with at least one (1) year of supervisory experience in a similar role. Must be at least 21 years old. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(4) CARPENTER
Minimum of three (3) years work experience as a cabinet maker and finishing carpenter. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

CLUBMATES
Must have previous related work experience and must pass all American Red Cross Lifeguard requirements (including a 300 yard continuous swim test); Sports-minded individuals are encouraged to apply; Must possess good verbal and written communication skills; Korean, Japanese and/or Russian language skill is a plus; Paid training and free two year lifeguard certification course for eligible candidates; Must be able to work on evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
Minimum of ten (10) years of Engineering industry experience managing diesel operation and repairs for a hotel plus five (5) years management experience is required. A Bachelor's degree in Engineering is required. Must possess technical knowledge and experience on 3516 and 3512 Caterpillar Generators, 85 KW aqua design desalination plants, chiller systems, pumps, filtration systems for swimming pools and reverse osmosis systems are required. Must be certified Reserve Osmosis (RO) Operator Level 2 in water treatment and Level 1 in water distribution system. Must have knowledge and experience in handling Diesel Plants and Reserve Osmosis (RO) Operations. Must have technical knowledge and experience on SMARDT Oil less and Screw type Chillers System. Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to support a 24hour business. Proficient and knowledgeable in the use of Microsoft Office (word and excel). Must be able to work in a flexible schedule which includes early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ELECTRONIC TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR (SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES DEPT.)
Minimum of five (5) years of proven experience in the electrical/electronic fields and the ability to demonstrate high proficiency in these areas is required. A thorough knowledge of electrical / electronic components and equipment including the use of special instruments for diagnostic purposes is required. Skill-level requirements vary from troubleshooting to board- or component-level repair. Willing to work any shift and overtime as required. Applicants must be versed in all aspects of the "Clubmate" position. Strong communication, interpersonal and customer service skills are essential. The position requires the ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(6) FOOD & BEVERAGE SUPERVISOR
Must have at least three (3) years related work experience in Food & Beverage service, two (2) years of supervisory experience, plus one (1) year relevant work experience in coordinating events; Supervises employees engaged in serving foods in restaurants and maintaining cleanliness of food service areas and equipment; must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(3) FOOD SERVER CAPTAIN
Minimum of 18 months related work experience, one (1) year supervisory experience required. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) GARDENER
Minimum of three (3) years of work experience. Must have working knowledge of landscaping. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) GUEST RELATIONS
Minimum of one (1) year hospitality experience. Must have the ability to solve guest concerns and cash handling. Must be able to speak, read and write in English and one or more of the following languages: Korean, Russian, Japanese or Chinese. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) GUEST SERVICE SUPERVISOR
Minimum of two (2) years supervisory experience plus experience driving large passenger vehicles are required. Must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid CNMI driver's license, and pass a medical exam and substance abuse test. Must provide a traffic clearance with application. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(3) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR - ROOMS
Minimum of two (2) years housekeeping supervisor experience required (minimum 300-room hotel). Motivated self-starter with the ability to clean rooms as required. Responsible for checking up to 70 rooms per shift. Must have the ability to bend, lift, carry & move items weighing 50 pounds. Must be able to stand for long excess hours. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years of I.T. industry experience and Bachelors degree in IT related field required. Thorough knowledge of all software and hardware is required, this includes all Microsoft Windows desktop and Server Operating Systems, Microsoft application support, Opera System, SQL 2008 administration skills, Symantec Product experience with Ghost, ACT! And corporate anti-virus software, Access database, Crystal Report XI and report design skills with IIS, ASP and HTML Skills. Linux skills and Active Directory experience is highly desirable. Experience in the use of electronic mail (mail relays, spam filters and mail integrity) and Internet protocols (e.g. TCP/IP, PPP and IMAP). Sound knowledge of routers, firewalls, network security, network configuration and construction, switches and fiber is required. Applicant should have in depth knowledge of VPN, VPN encryption, PC and server hardware, new PC and server installations, configuration and support of IP Phone Systems, System backups and general network administration. A+, Network +, and/or MCP certification are also highly desirable. Should be knowledgeable in utilizing a hotel database. Must have a thorough working knowledge of web programming and systems analysis. Must have general management ability as well as specific knowledge of the company's computer/network systems. Must be able to communicate with all department heads in the company that require computer and network systems. Must be able to translate the requirements of each department into a workable computer operation. Must keep up with new developments in computers, Networking and (VOIP) voice over IP equipment. Must have excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to support a 24hr business

(1) LANDSCAPING SUPERVISOR
Minimum of two (2) years of related work experience in a similar role working at a hotel plus two (2) years of supervisory experience in a similar role. A High School diploma or higher is required. Must be able to utilize or operate landscaping tools and equipment. Previous experience in executing landscaping-related project is required. Must be able to work in a flexible schedule which includes early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) NIGHT AUDITOR
Minimum of five (5) years of relevant work experience and academic background with major in Accounting Business knowledge on the basic functions of debits and credits. Knowledge on hotel-related systems particularly on front-office systems and point-of-sale systems of the hotel industry. Strong knowledge of Excel and must be knowledgeable in using Opera System and Micros System; Familiarity on how the hotel settlement system works (cash, room charge, credit card transaction or similar). Must be able to work from 11:00pm to 7:00am; May involve shift work, including working on weekends and holidays.

(2) PAINTER
Minimum of three (3) years related work experience as a painter. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(2) PASTRY COOK
Minimum of two (2) years of relevant work experience working in pastry for a hotel. Associate's degree in Culinary Arts. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(2) PLUMBER
Minimum of five (5) years related work experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) POOL MAINTENANCE CAPTAIN
Minimum of two (2) years related work experience working at a hotel in a similar role is required. A High School diploma or higher is required. Previous HAZMAT training is preferred. Shift begins at 2:00 a.m. daily. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(4) POWERHOUSE OPERATOR
Minimum of three (3) years related work experience. Certified Water Treatment & Distribution operator preferred. Must be a certified Class A/B UST operator. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(2) RESTAURANT MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years restaurant and/or hotel food and beverage experience required. Minimum of two (2) years previous F&B Leadership experience required. Minimum of two (2) years of Banquet leadership role required. Previous experience in a first-class, medium to large resort preferred. This position monitors the daily operations of each restaurant function to ensure a positive guest experience and will profitably manage the overall operations of the restaurants. Will manage all service aspects of food and beverage functions in accordance with the policies of the hotel. Excellent written and oral communication skills are necessary. Must be knowledgeable of banquet set-ups, policies and procedures. Must have experience in budgeting and managing banquet operations. Must be able to successfully coordinate staff and resources in high volume, time sensitive environment. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holiday.

(4) ROOM ATTENDANT
Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a room attendant for a hotel. Motivated, self-starter responsible for cleaning up to 18 rooms per shift. Must have the ability to bend, lift, carry & move items weighing 50 pounds. Must be able to stand for long excessive hours. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) SALES & MARKETING MANAGER - KOREAN MARKET
Minimum of three (3) years of hotel industry experience, plus one (1) year of Korean Market sales management experience. Must be proficient in speaking, reading and writing the English and Korean languages, and be proficient with the use of Microsoft Office. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(4) TEPPANYAKI COOK
Minimum of five (5) years of related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

Applications must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, June 10th, 2016.
PIC applications are available at the PIC Security Desk by the Loading Dock/Employee Entrance. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered.
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Guam prevents invasive species hitchhiking on FestPac materials

Last May 21, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency intercepted live insects on coconut leaves shipped from Rota. A small leaf sample with insects attached was forwarded to the Guam Plant Inspection Facility, which is operated by the Guam Department of Agriculture. University of Guam scientists conduct pest identification services for PIF.

The leaf sample was examined by UOG entomologist Dr. Aubrey Moore, who found two types of insects, a whitefly and mealybug. However, because Moore does not have the resources to determine the species of the pests, PIF sent the leaf sample to the USDA Systematic Entomology Laboratory in Beltsville, Maryland.

A report emailed by the USDA stated that Dr. Greg Evans, a leading insect taxonomist, identified the pests as Aleurotrachelus atratus, the palm-infesting whitefly, and Palmicultor palmarum, the palm mealybug. Neither of these species had been previously recorded in Guam.

Prior to release to FestPac participants, the coconut leaves were fumigated to kill all of the insects.

For more information regarding insects and invasive species, please visit: http://cnas-re.uog.edu/expertise/cnas-entomology. ***(PR)***

Pacific statisticians to meet in Fiji

SUVA, Fiji—Senior government statisticians and development partners will gather in Lautoka, Fiji, next week for a Pacific Statistics Steering Committee meeting to discuss major statistical projects and collaboration over the next five years.

The meeting will focus on next steps for implementing the Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy 2010-2020 which is aimed at strengthening statistical capacity throughout the region.

Committee members from Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga and Vanuatu have confirmed their participation at the 12th PSSC meeting, along with the Pacific Community and invited representatives from National Statistics Offices in the Republic of Kiribati and Solomon Islands.

The speakers will include the Chair of the TYPSS process, Simil Johnson, SPC Deputy Director-General, Audrey Aumua, and the TYPSS Implementation Coordinator, Karen Komiti.

"The Pacific's Ten Year Statistics Strategy and its programmes support informed policy-making and decision-making by governments, underpinning sustainable development," Johnson said.

"We'll be looking at national and regional statistics projects and other major events on the Pacific statistics calendar over the remaining five years of TYPSS, including population censuses, demographic health surveys, household income and expenditure surveys and national statistics development strategies," he added.

Senior representatives of partner organizations, such as Australia's Bureau of Statistics and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Pacific Islands Financial Technical Assistance Centre, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Pacific Community, Statistics New Zealand, United Nations Population Fund, University of the South Pacific, and World Bank, will also participate in the week-long deliberations.

Discussions on the impact and effectiveness of TYPSS initiatives in building statistical capacity are highly anticipated, as well as reports from Technical Working Groups on regional standards and classifications for administrative records, data utilisation, IT and future surveys.

Updates on Sustainable Development Goals indicators, Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS), agriculture and gender statistics, and outcomes of the recent PARIS21 workshop on Agenda 2010 and Small Island Developing States will also be covered.

The meeting will be held at the Waterfront Hotel in Lautoka from May 30 to June 2, 2016. ***(PR)***

Bank of Guam 2016 Ifit scholars announced

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam is proud to announce the recipients of its 2016 IFIT Scholarship. The scholars are:

» 3 Guam, 2 Saipan students honored

Jeffrey Min, Harvest Christian Academy, attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); So Won Min, St. John's School, attending University of Pennsylvania Thomas Manglona II, Mt. Carmel High School (Saipan), attending University of California, Berkeley; Jonathan Pangelinan, Mt. Carmel High School (Saipan), attending Seattle University; and Hellen Zhang, John F. Kennedy High School, attending University of Iowa.

In addition to $2,000 to be awarded to each student, a paid summer internship with Bank of Guam is available for each scholar.

For additional information, please contact Jackie Marati at (671) 472-5258. ***(PR)***

Deserving US territory employees to receive increased benefits

This week the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs awarded additional money to the Prior Service Trust Fund Administration to enact and fully fund an increased cost of living adjustment for all existing PSTF beneficiaries. This is in addition to the annual funds received from OIA earlier this year to maintain existing payments to PSTF beneficiaries for the immediate future as well. With the additional funds provided this week, PSTF can immediately raise the minimum benefit payment to $50, retroactively award a 20 percent COLA to those above the new minimum, and provide a 3 percent annual COLA moving forward.

Jerry Facey, an advisor to PSTF, has been leading an annual delegation visit to Washington, D.C. to address this very issue. Upon receiving the announcement from OIA, Facey shared, "This is the most significant Prior Service achievement in many years and will impact the lives of close to 1,000 Micronesian families. While I regret that we were not able to accomplish this long overdue adjustment years ago, I find great joy in knowing we finally succeeded in a reasonable COLA."

Facey was also very grateful to OIA Assistant Secretary Esther P. Kia'aina for her understanding and granting of this COLA request.

Brendan McCann, who recently joined the D.C. visit effort said, "We are very grateful and appreciative that OIA has recognized and funded the previous mishap of not providing enough funding that more appropriately reflected the needs of the beneficiaries. With these additional funds the COLA issue has been rectified. This is a major win for a very much deserving group."

PSTF recognizes the service of Micronesians who worked as Marine Scouts, Department of the Navy workers, or official Trust Territory employees from 1944-1968. These former U.S. employees worked at low wages, often less than $1/hour, without retirement, survivorship, or disability benefits. Beneficiaries have not received an increased COLA since 1995, while Social Security rose over 40 percent in this time period.

Beneficiaries of PSTF total about one thousand and live in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands. ***(PR)***

Traditional sail from Yap to be displayed at UOG

The woven pandanus sail used by the Lamotrek, Yap traditional navigators for the welcoming ceremony of the Festival of Pacific Arts will be presented to University of Guam President Robert Underwood during a ceremony in the atrium of the Jesus and Eugenia Leon Guerrero Business and Public Administration Building on the UOG campus.

Underwood sailed in one of the canoes as a guest of the Lamotrek delegation in the welcoming ceremony for traditional navigators held early Sunday morning.

"It was an honor to participate in the ceremony and observe the skill of these traditional navigators," said Underwood. "The University is proud to display this woven sail as a symbol of our connection and shared history as people of the islands."

The ceremony is hosted by the traditional navigators, seafarers, and weavers from Lamotrek, Yap.

The sail will be on display at the University until August. ***(PR)***

VICTOR CONSAGA

Traditional navigators and seafarers from Lamotrek, Yap make there way into Hagåtña early Sunday morning as part of the welcoming ceremony for the traditional navigators. UOG president Robert Underwood, second from left, participated in the ceremony as part of the Lamotrek crew.

Coast Guard rescues hikers from Na Pali Coast Trail, Kauai

HONOLULU—Two hikers are safe, Tuesday, after being stranded overnight on the Na Pali Coast Trail and writing "SOS" in the sand of Kalalau Beach, Kauai.

The hikers were hoisted to safety by an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Air Station Barbers Point and transported to awaiting EMS at Lihue Airport. They are reported to be in stable condition.

The Dolphin crew was conducting training in the area when they overheard a radio conversation mention "SOS" written in the sand.

The crew diverted from their training mission and arrived on scene at 9:25 a.m. to see two people stranded on the beach waving their arms.

The rescue swimmer was lowered and discovered one of the hikers had an ankle injury preventing him from walking. Both hikers were then hoisted aboard the helicopter and transported to Lihue Airport.

The Coast Guard encourages the public to be prepared with essentials such as water, food, sunscreen and communication devices before embarking on any trip whether on land or water. In the event of an emergency, communication devices and emergency provisions can mean the difference between life and death. ***(PR)***

FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOURS

We extend our sincerest and most heartfelt appreciation to our many relatives and friends, from near and far, who stood by our side and comforted us with inspirational words and thoughts, supported us in so many ways, extended much kindness and most especially embraced us with much love as we endure the pain of loss of my dearly

†BENJAMIN VINCENT AYUYU SABLAN

We thank our Lord for our dearly beloved's gift of life and while he lived a happy and fulfilled life, his pleasant personality, his voice, laughter and jokes will be greatly missed, but will not fade as he will continue to live on in our hearts and in the hearts of those whom he had touched.

Un dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase to Fr. James Balajadia and members of the Clergy for their prayers and services; to the St. Jude Thaddeus Choir for gracing us with your music and voices; to Tan Ko Palacios and altar servers for your services; to our Techa, Ms. Annie Castro and Ms. Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero, who led us in recitation of the Holy Rosary; to Borja Funeral Home; to Ms. Carlyn Hofschneider and Blossoms Floral Shop; Mr. Juan (Santiago) S. Tenorio; staff and management of City Trust Bank; to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; Saipan Health Clinic; the doctors and nurses of the ICU, Dialysis unit, and the Third Floor Telemetry unit of Guam Memorial Hospital; U.S. Renal Care; Guam Radiology Consultants; Guam Ambulatory Medical Transport; the staff of the CNMI Medical Referral Office in Saipan and Guam; and to the many relatives and friends from near and far, who stood by us through this most difficult and enduring time of our lives.

May each day bring us closer to God and be thankful for all that we are blessed with, and as we go our separate ways, it is our fervent prayer that our Lord will continue to pour his grace and blessings upon us as we live each day for his greater glory.

KIMBERLY CRYSTAL SONGSONG SABLAN & FAMILY
ANA AYUYU SABLAN & FAMILY
MARIA BABAUTA SONGSONG & FAMILY

Manual addresses biosecurity information challenge

HAGATNA, Guam—Comprehensive information about biosecurity regulations for transporting handicrafts across borders in the Pacific region is now more accessible following the launch of a manual at the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts in Hagatna, Guam.

Biosecurity Manual for Handicrafts: Requirements for trade and movement of handicrafts in the Pacific Island region and beyond is an outcome of the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation's commitment to improve biosecurity to prevent the movement of unwanted pests to new areas.

It was produced by the Pacific Community with assistance from the Australian Government-funded Pacific Horticultural and Agricultural Market Access Program.

"Pacific Island countries and territories understandably have strict biosecurity regulations and laws in regards to the trade of handicrafts, as some plant and animal material exports could pose a biosecurity risk which would ultimately impact our resources and livelihoods," the director of SPC's Land Resource Division, Inoke Ratukalou, said.

"A major challenge is getting access to timely and accurate biosecurity information to prevent the costly consequences of handicraft items being confiscated or destroyed.

"This manual provides a simple solution and it's fitting that we launch it at the region's premiere cultural event which has brought together 25 Pacific Island countries and territories to showcase their cultural heritage, including traditional artifacts," Ratukalou added.

The manual contains information on biosecurity regulations, including the type of materials used, lists of import, export and treatment requirements for different Pacific Island countries and territories, and national contacts.

It is designed for easy referencing by a wide range of stakeholders, including cultural producers, retailers, exporters and quarantine officials.

The manual can be found online at: http://lrd.spc.int/bat-publications/doc_download/2453-handicraftbiosecuritymanual

A team of SPC technical experts is currently in Guam assisting the Festival of Pacific Arts Organising Committee in the areas of biosecurity, health surveillance, broadcasting and interpretation. SPC is the Festival custodian. ***(PR)***

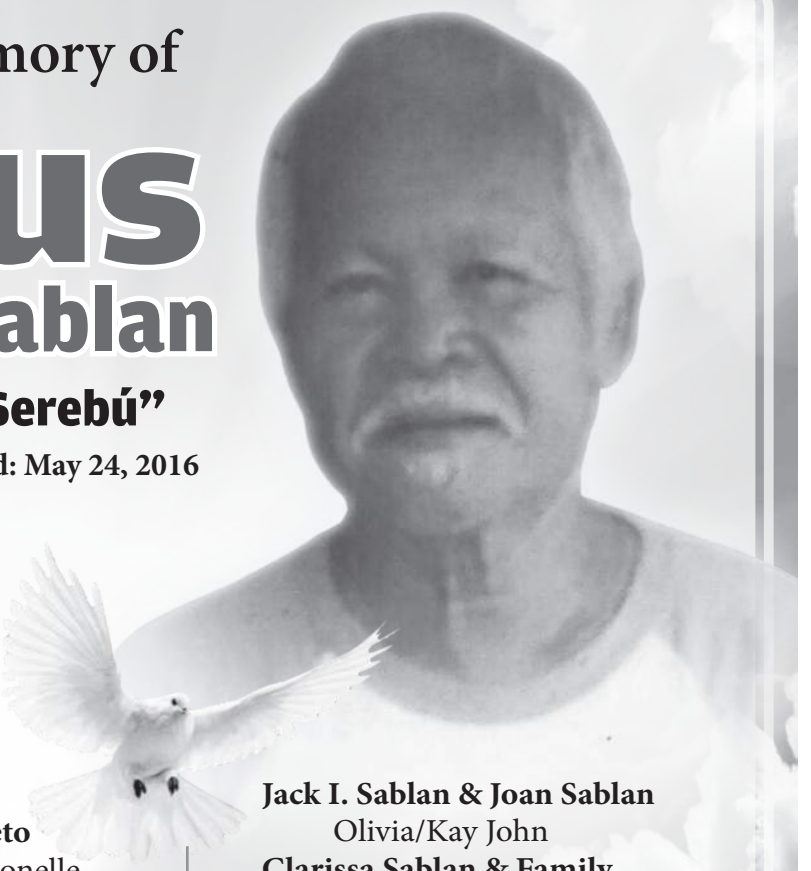
In Loving Memory of

†Jesus

Magofna Sablan

a.k.a **"Sus Seven/Serebú"**

Born: September 6, 1941 • Died: May 24, 2016



†Paulina Aldan Sablan
†Clara & Jose Magofna Sablan

Survived by
Children and Grandchildren
Manuel & Raena Sablan
Paulina/Reggie/MJ/Manuel
Vicente Aldan Sablan & Joan Lieto
Vicente Jr./Victoria/Taesha/Jonelle
Jovi/Joven/Paulina
Julita Sablan & Inos Germinaro
Clara/Michael/Reeula
Rose Anne/Divine
Cecilia A. Sablan & John Elisar
Derek/Anna/Orion
Vivian Sablan & Christopher Magofna
Ciniel/Dominick/John Jacob
Christopher Jr/Jeremiah/Keoni
Gloria Q. & Ed Tenorio
Dramina/Ramon/Miguet
Robert Quitano
Jovina/Raybiana
Ronald Quitano & Rose Iguel Martin
CJ/Princess/Ichiro
Jesse James I. Sablan
Frank & Lynn Sablan
Chyenne/Rayvin/Brandon/Sonny Boy
Jose I. Sablan & Elizabeth Blas
Ray Lieto/Jose Jr. Sablan
MarlikaRose
Jack I. Sablan & Joan Sablan
Olivia/Kay John
Clarissa Sablan & Family
Jesse Boy Sablan

Brothers and Sisters
†Maria S. Quituga and family
†Manuel M. Sablan and family
Stephania S. Norita and family
†Vicente M. Sablan
Benigno M. Sablan and family
Daniel M. Sablan and family
Lourdes S. Kalen and family

Brothers and Sisters In-Law
†Maria and Vicente Taitano
†Tobias and Matilde Aldan
Victoria and +Daniel Castro
Vicente and Antonia Aldan
†Antonetta and Pedro Castro
Anjelica and Ramon Castro
†Alejandro DLC. Aldan
John and Lucy Aldan
†Corrina Aldan

Nightly Rosary at Julita A. Sablan's Residence in Tanapag Chamolinian Dr. at 7:30 PM. The body of the deceased will be released on May 31st at 6:00 PM and will be escorted to his daughter Julita A. Sablan's house in Tanapag to stay for the wake until Wednesday, June 1st, 2016 at 10:00 AM to be escorted to Santa Remedios for mass and burial will follow after.

Advancing Pacific Ocean data networks and applications

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—Ocean science experts from the Pacific Community and the Institute of Research for Development are among those convening in Noumea this week to build understanding of ocean processes, ocean observations and data applications, and advance the design of a Pacific Islands ocean observation network.

The Pacific Islands Training Workshop on Ocean Observations and Data Applications, being held at the IRD offices, will contribute to increasing the capability within the Pacific region to collect, analyze, and communicate oceanographic data across a number of sectors, such as meteorology and climate services, fisheries, marine trade and tourism.

The workshop is organized by the Joint World Meteorological Organization and Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology in coordination with IRD, SPC and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program.

"Much of the development assistance undertaken by SPC and our in-country partners relies on ocean information, yet there's limited oceanographic expertise in the region and limited skill in using ocean data," SPC deputy director general, Cameron Diver, said today during the workshop opening.

"The specialized training being delivered this week by experts from SPC, IRD and others is an important part of the way forward, along with greater coordination," Diver said.

"There is a very long history of ocean observation and ocean sciences here at the IRD centre in Noumea," IRD Director, Georges De Noni, said at workshop's opening session. "The IRD Centre in Noumea was established in 1946 and our research programmes initially aimed at studying the ocean aboard our scientific vessels: Le Vauban, Le Coriolis, le Jean Charcot and nowadays the famous Alis.

"The IRD manages several time series about the ocean in the Pacific Islands, collecting and analyzing data both at the biological and physical levels. We have a sound expertise here in developing and using ocean data applications and marine biodiversity knowledge and we're keen to share and promote it with our partner institutions and Pacific islands countries," De Noni said.

One Pacific island nation that is leading the way in developing ocean monitoring and forecasting is the Solomon Islands.

"The Solomon Islands Met Service is now trying to establish an ocean unit within the climate unit, so we can expand to provide ocean services," Solomon Islands Meteorological Services Director, David Hiriasia, said at the Australian Government-funded Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific Meeting in Nadi, Fiji, earlier this month.

"Last year we had the COSPPac Ocean and Tides Workshop and on a recommendation from that workshop, we're putting together a cabinet paper that will hopefully attract financial support," he said.

Hiriasia has organized for two of his staff to attend and present at the workshop.

Experts from SPC's Geoscience Division, Cyprien Bosserelle, Herve Damlamian and Molly Powers-Tora, are also among the presenters and will provide an introduction to waves and coastal hazards and Pacific Sea Level Monitoring data products, as well as presenting in-depth applications of ocean data used to assess damage caused by severe tropical cyclones Pam and Winston.

Other presenters and supporters of the workshop include IRD, New Caledonia Meteorological Service, EU- PACENET-plus, Pacific Island Global Ocean Observing System, Australia's Integrated Marine Observing System, the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, China's National Center of Ocean Standards and Meteorology, World Meteorological Organization/Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, and the USA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Climate Observation.

The workshop follows on from the first Pacific ocean observations workshop held in Palau last year. ***(PR)***

Give thanks on memorial day during moment of remembrance

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: Americans are at their best when they unite around a noble purpose. On Memorial Day, that purpose is the National Moment of Remembrance. On that day, all Americans are asked to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time to honor our fallen.

In 1971, No Greater Love, a patriotic organization, was founded by a woman named Carmella LaSpada. It initiated the National Moment of Remembrance in 1997, which was later established by Congress in 2000. The Moment is observed by thousands of Americans at Major League Baseball games across the country.

For more than 40 years, the AFL-CIO, North American trade unions, ironworkers, sheet metal, air, rail and transportation workers along with No Greater Love have honored our fallen, our troops, our veterans and their families. Our union members are proud to support the National Moment of Remembrance.

As one nation under God, we should join together to honor those who died for our freedom—each one an American treasure.

ERIC DEAN, GENERAL PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BRIDGE, STRUCTURAL, ORNAMENTAL AND REINFORCING IRON WORKERS

DEAR MR. DEAN: I am aware of the loyal and generous support the unions have given to No Greater Love and the families who have lost beloved family members in wars and military conflicts. For that I thank you.

Readers, it is my sincere hope that you will take a moment from your busy day to join us at 3 p.m. in honoring our fallen military men and women on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

LOVE, ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My mother died in her sleep last year at our home. She was 97. We cleaned the carpets and repainted the room, removed the hospital bed and replaced it with a brand-new one.

We recently asked some friends to stay overnight at our house, and they called back to ask if they would be staying in the room Mama had died in. We have a second guest room, although it's smaller and so is the bed (full, not a queen). They seemed hesitant.

After the call I found myself feeling offended. I keep thinking that if the shoe was on the other foot, would they shut down a room of their home if someone had died there? We have had other houseguests who didn't mind staying in the room.

These people are supposed to arrive soon. Should we arrange for them to stay at a hotel?

FEELING OFFENDED

DEAR FEELING: Please don't take their reaction as a personal insult. Many people are squeamish about staying in a room in which someone has died. I see no reason to banish these people to a hotel during their visit. Call them back, offer them the smaller guest room and enjoy their visit.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 77-year-old man. I am not currently involved with a woman, but I have had two marriages and numerous serious affairs. I'd like to know how it became the man's responsibility to put the toilet seat down. Women seem to believe it is written in law, a rule by Emily Post or one of the Ten Commandments.

FLUSHED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FLUSHED: It's all of the above. And I think I know why you have had two marriages, numerous serious affairs and are not currently involved.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

UOG CNAS publishes free E-book for FESTPAC

In celebration of the Festival of the Pacific Arts, the University of Guam College of Natural and Applied Sciences is offering a free e-book. *Flora and Fauna of Guam* details interesting facts about plants and animals, some of which are found only in the Mariana Islands.

Visually stunning photographs document endangered snails, rare plants, and magnificent mantas taken by CNAS professors, researchers, students, and graduates. Learn more about the island's unique species, and celebrate the beauty of the natural world and the Pacific islands.

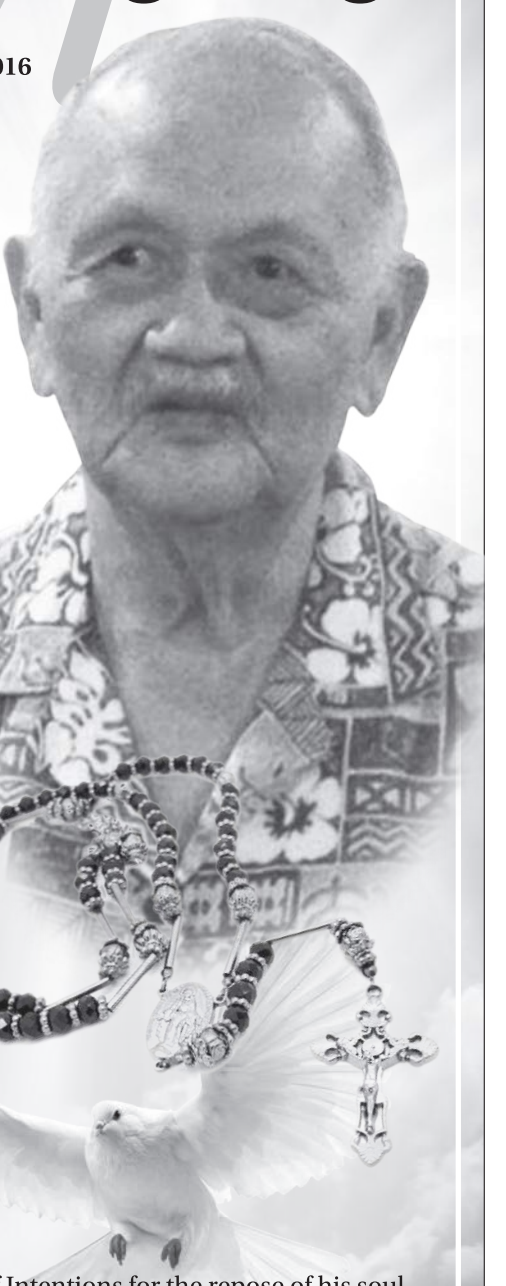
To download Flora and Fauna of Guam for free, visit http://cnas-re.uog.edu/free-e-book. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The cover of the *Flora and Fauna of Guam* published on e-book form in time for the 2016 Festival of the Pacific Arts.

In Celebration of His New Life

†Vicente Ayuyu Songsong

Born to Life on April 05, 1938
Called to Eternal Life on May 21, 2016



In his new life he now joins his:

Parents: †Andres Manglona Songsong and †Jacoba Ayuyu Songsong
Parents In -Law: †Juan Aguon Babauta and †Concepcion Crisostomo Babauta
Daughter and Son In- Law: †Josephine Songsong Sablan and †Benjamin Ayuyu Sablan
Brother: †Jesus A. Songsong
Brothers and Sisters In- Law: †Ben Masga, †Johanes R. Taimanao Sr., †Urbano C. Babauta Sr., †Roque C. Babauta, †Victorina C. Babauta, †Adela D. Babauta

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his wife,
Maria Babauta Songsong
His Children, Grand Children and Great Grand Children:

- Joseph B. and Maria M. Songsong
  - Ann Marie & Oscar Quitugua {Kahra & Gonzo}, Roger Lee {RJ}, Carlene & Jose Pinaula {BJ, Clayton & Blakey}, Vincent
- †Josephine S. and †Benjamin A. Sablan
  - Kimberly & Oscar Padilla {BJ, Ian & Sophia}
- Manuel B. and Fairie L. Songsong
  - Carol & Frank Demapan {Christian}
  - Camille Songsong and Family
- Ricardo B. and Carmencita R. Songsong
  - Georgia Salas & Calvin Yamagishi and Children Jason, Jasnon, Kianna
- Joaquin B. and Nancy I. Songsong
  - Andrew Jon & Kathy C. {BJ & Sandy}, Crystal & Donald Seidler {Christoper Wallace & Donielle}
- Francisco B. and Maryann S. Songsong
  - Frank Jr., Mychelle & Germaine Barcinas {Eziah & Samiah}, Kyle & Oceania Aldan, Francine & Jun Toves {Keidan, Kuah, Leo, Luka, Mako & Matua}
- Diego B. Maryjane D. Songsong
  - Kurt, Jacqueline, Sheila, Gilbert
- MaryAnn S. and John M. You
  - Bernadette Sheleen
- Patricia B. Songsong
  - Keo & Ana Manglona {Millia}, Austin, Simon, Blaise, Chayanne, Keanu, Chantielle, Joseph Jr.

His Brothers, Sisters, In-Laws and Spouses:

Christina S. Masga & Family
Nicolas Songsong (Mary Grace) & Family
Carmen S. Taimanao & Family
Jose A. Songsong (Angie) & Family
Ana S. & John Castro & Family
Maria S. & Ignacio Mesngon & Family
+Jesus A. Songsong (Patricia & Family)
Lucia S. & Edward Sablan & Family
Dolores D. Babauta & Family
Joaquin C. Babauta (Remedio) & Family
Luis C. Babauta

He will also be missed by numerous nephews, nieces,cousins,relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions for the repose of his soul is being celebrated at Kristo Rai Church each morning at 6:00 am. Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, May 30, 2016. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30 am. to Kristo Rai Church. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by Interment Service at Tanapag Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers,

Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Maria Babauta Songsong, Children and Family

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

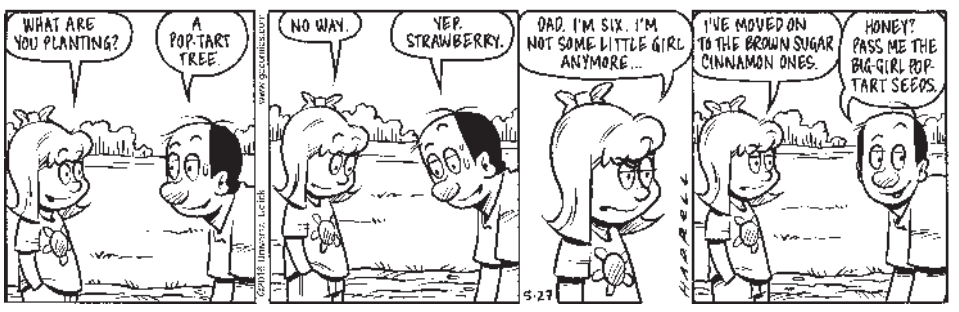
HOBBES! HOBBES! WHERE ARE YOU?!?
HELLO, CALVIN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN MY TEA PARTY?
HECK NO. I'M TRYING TO FIND MY BEST FRIEND, WHO'S BEEN KIDNAPPED BY A DOG. LEAVE ME ALONE.
WELL I THINK MR. CALVIN IS VERY RUDE, DON'T YOU, MR. TIGER? YES, I THINK SO TOO. MORE TEA, ANYONE?
WATTERSON

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


WHAT ARE YOU PLANTING?
A POP-TART TREE.
NO WAY.
YEP. STRAWBERRY.
DAD. I'M SIX. I'M NOT SOME LITTLE GIRL ANYMORE...
I'VE MOVED ON TO THE BROWN SUGAR CINNAMON ONES.
HONEY? PASS ME THE BIG-GIRL POP-TART SEEDS.
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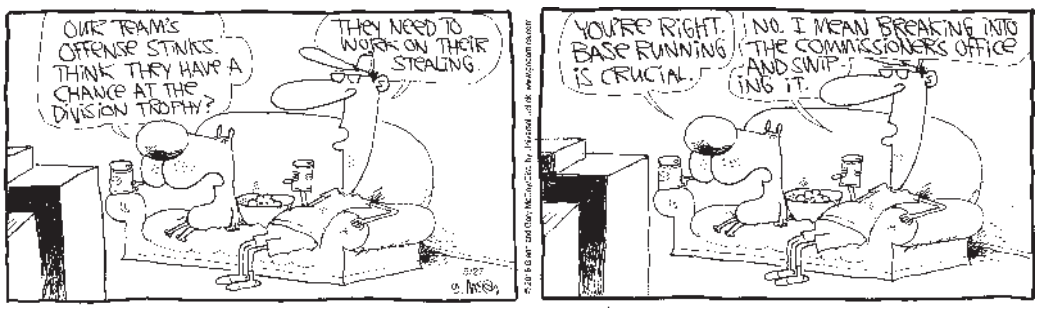
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


OUR TEAM'S OFFENSE STINKS. THINK THEY HAVE A CHANCE AT THE DIVISION TROPHY?
THEY NEED TO WORK ON THEIR STEALING.
YOU'RE RIGHT. BASE RUNNING IS CRUCIAL.
NO. I MEAN BREAKING INTO THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE AND SWIPING IT.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Chowed down
4 "Let's go!"
8 San — Capistrano
12 Floral ring
13 Employ
14 — Major
15 Spanish dance
17 Cowardly Lion portrayer
18 Business attire
19 Choreographer Alvin
20 Provide food for
22 Ashen
24 Raw materials
25 Zealots
29 Sundial numeral
30 Goes bad
31 Stanley Cup org.
32 Disney classic
34 Blue hue
35 Pub orders
36 Downturn
37 Reek
40 Leslie Caron role
41 Oddball
42 Showy displays
46 Art Deco master
47 Border on
48 Caribou kin
49 Sport
50 Hardy lass
51 Hobbyist's abbr.

DOWN
1 TV alien
2 Afternoon social
3 Genius personified
4 Run a meeting
5 Gum flavor
6 Assoc.
7 Prefix with natal
8 Romeo's love
9 Russian river
10 Tennis legend Arthur
11 Not even one
16 Club fees
19 "Sad to say ..."
20 Hairdo
21 Met melody
22 Seine city
23 "Downton Abbey" role
25 Firecracker part
26 Asked
27 Pal
28 Open-handed hit
30 Chat
33 Ship of fuels
34 Pond growth
36 Prepares flour for baking
37 Distort
38 Rent
39 Greek vowel
40 Wildebeests
42 Obese
43 Jurist Fortas
44 Quarterback Manning
45 Firmament

Solution time: 26 mins.

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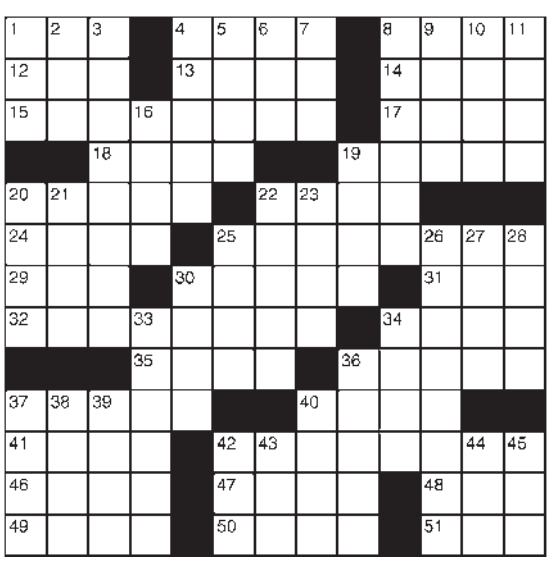
Yesterday's answer 5-27



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chris Colfer, 26; Jack McBrayer, 43; Paul Bettany, 45; Louis Gossett Jr., 80.

Happy Birthday: You've got plenty of options and will find that people are interested in what and how you do things. Your passionate approach to life, work and relationships will be enlightening and help you decipher which way to move forward and with whom. Question anyone who is asking for or offering too much. Balance will be the key to your success. Your numbers are 3, 10, 21, 26, 35, 37, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Your innovative ideas and efforts will help you bring about important changes in your personal and financial life. Network, negotiate and celebrate. Romance will give you a boost and improve your personal life. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Listen and learn. Keep your emotions under control and observe how others live. A different philosophy will have something to offer that will improve your way of life. Open-mindedness will help you see the light. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): It's time to turn up the volume and make thing happen. Personal improvements will lead to healthier relationships with the people you enjoy being with the most. Be yourself and offer others consistency, compassion and resourcefulness. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Take a timeout to reflect on the past and to find exciting ways to plan for the future. An imaginative approach to the way you help others and offer your services will encourage a solid partnership. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You've got the moves that will capture attention and guarantee support. It's what you do that will make a difference, so save your words and take action. Love is on the rise, and a passionate suggestion will bring you closer to someone special. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll have to make choices based on realistic suggestions. Don't let a pie-in-the-sky idea take you on a wild goose chase. A solid plan will allow you to reach a desirable target. Refuse to let anyone interfere. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Mix and mingle. The more people you encounter, the better informed you will be. Preparation can help bring about the changes you want to make. Aim for perfection and personal development. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Stifle any emotional problems before they have time to grow. Taking care of business and living up to your promises will allow you the option to do something unique. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't follow the crowd or believe everything you hear. It's important to focus on the changes you want to make personally and to nurture the relationships that mean the most to you. Make special plans with the ones you love. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Make positive changes at home that will please those you live with and save you money. Weatherproofing can save on your utility bills, and fun additions will give you more time with family and friends. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Plan a surprise for someone you love or make alterations to your home that will bring family closer together. A romantic adventure will lead to interesting travel plans or purchases that will give you something to look forward to. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Take one step at a time. Don't make big alterations without researching the procedure you are considering. Making decisions based on hearsay will lead to discord and disappointment. An event that benefits a cause you care about will lead to an interesting encounter. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are enthusiastic and intelligent. You are curious and compassionate.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	1				8		4	
5								9
		9				5		
4	2		1				9	
		3		7		8		
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9								7
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/27

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

3	6	4	8	7	5	9	2	1
1	5	9	3	2	4	7	6	8
7	2	8	9	1	6	4	3	5
2	1	3	5	6	9	8	7	4
6	4	5	7	8	1	3	9	2
9	8	7	2	4	3	5	1	6
4	7	2	1	3	8	6	5	9
5	3	6	4	9	2	1	8	7
8	9	1	6	5	7	2	4	3

Difficulty Level ★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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O	R	N	E	I	R	A	I	P	U	Y	A	L	F	U
K	A	I	N	M	L	E	R	R	P	E	B	E	O	A
E	H	G	N	P	A	L	E	G	W	B	M	L	R	L
H	C	E	I	E	I	N	I	G	O	A	L	O	G	L
C	P	B	F	M	C	E	R	G	G	L	Y	H	I	E
T	S	L	I	R	V	N	T	U	A	I	F	V	V	F
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P	E	I	R	Y	K	N	A	H	S	T	T	O	N	U
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1 Store Manager: $1,200-$1,300/mo. At least 2 years of experience as a clothing store manager is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required. Email resume to treasure@hanmisaipan.com.

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2 Waiter/Waitress: $6.05-$6.55/hr. At least 2 years' experience required. Email resume to wing@hanmisaipan.com.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

Opening Date: 05/24/16 **Closing Date: 06/13/16***

JVA#15-007: **Marketing Specialist I**
Annual Salary: $17,700.92 – $18,584.42**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-008: **Community Projects Coordinator I**
Annual Salary: $17,700.92 - $18,584.42**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-010: **Procurement Officer**
Annual Salary: $24,889.35 - $31,757.68**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-012: **Tour Guide Certification Manager**
Annual Salary: $30,000.00 - $40,000.00**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#16-001: **Tradesman**
Annual Salary: $11,278.940 - $14,388.82
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Tinian

JVA#16-002: **Special Assistant to the Managing Director**
Annual Salary: $25,000.00 - $30,000.00**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.
** The salary given will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 for more detailed information on position description. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents for consideration until search is closed. A resume may be attached, but the application form must be filled out in full. MVA is an equal opportunity employer.

JVA for YANO Enterprises, Inc.
Dba: Kinpachi Restaurant

Yano Enterprises, Inc.:

Assistant Manager (1): Be able to assist the general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the restaurant & stores efficiency & profitable operations; work closely with the personnel in preparation & processing of reservations, greets & answers customers inquiry, patrons complaints & resolve problems. Prepare advertising campaigns of the restaurant & stores to attract customers. Assist in doing daily inventory of foods, merchandise and assets of the business. Duties include but are not limited to delegating authority & assigning responsibilities, reviewing financial transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status. Must have Japanese oral skills & knowledge of Japanese food products.

Restaurant Supervisor (3): Must be qualified in restaurant operations, customer service, menu planning, & reservation operations. Must be responsible for the supervision of staff as to dining areas cleanliness in appearance & outside grounds. Ensure any customers issues are addressed immediately and resolved in a manner which exceeds the customer's expectation. Also need to have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products & be able to make orders & preparations.

Accountant (2): Must be efficient in handling financial records, statements, & reports. Have knowledge on all Taxes computation & filing. Must be able to budget & estimate purchasing costs & requisitions of merchandise necessary in the company.

Restaurant Waitress (4): Greeting Customers. Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Should be knowledgeable of the restaurant dishes, familiar with the entire menu the establishment offers. Can introduce & recommend daily specials as well as the restaurant's regular menu items. Continued services after the meal have been served and accept payments & other duties related.

Cook (8): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

General Maintenance (3): Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

Applicants of positions listed above except Restaurant Waitress (3 months work experience) are required to have a minimum of 2 - 4 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.

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Aquaville Inc. need:
(1) Sales Advertising Agent
Must have 3 years experience

Contact No. 323-2916

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Blue Star Corporation need:
(1) Tour Coordinator
Can speak Korean and English
Must have 3 years experience

Contact No. 323-1259

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
WINCHELL'S DONUTS

1 vacancy for **Operations Manager**. Wage per hour depends on qualifications. Must be college level with at least 5 years of continued experience in managing a bakery or similar operations; must be capable of managing 15 or more people and more than one store; must be computer literate and possesses knowledge in operating cash register or POS system; must have an experience in handling the administrative and financial aspect of a business. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese or other foreign languages is highly preferred.

1 vacancy for **Store Manager**. Wage per hour depends on qualifications. Must be college level and has at least 2 years of continued experience in managing bakery operations; must have knowledge in operating cash register or POS system; must be customer-service oriented, computer literate and confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese or other foreign languages is highly preferred.

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Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health with good moral character. Must be able to follow grooming standards; provide current police/court clearance and health certificate. Must have reliable transportation and willing to undergo drug test.

Please email your resume to jobapplicant2014@gmail.com or drop them to Winchell's Garapan

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Must be college graduate with at least 4 years experience in communication business. Proficient in verbal and written communication skills. Computer literate and expertise in Microsoft office applications

ACCOUNTANT
Must be college graduate with degree in Accounting or Business Administration and has minimum of 5 to 7 years experience in communication business. Computer literate, expertise in Microsoft office applications and accounting softwares. Knowledge in preparation of financial reports, tax, budget, forecast, billings. Proficient in verbal and written communication.

SALES MANAGER
Must be college graduate has minimum of 5 years experience in communication business. Must have the knowledge in managing daily business operation, handling the administrative, sales and treasury. Proficient in verbal and written communication skills. Computer literate and expertise in Microsoft office applications

(4) ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN
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WORLD RESORT SAIPAN

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: May 25, 2016 **POSITION: Food & Beverage Supervisor**
CLOSE DATE: June 8, 2016 **SALARY: $7.50 - $8.00 per hour**

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum 2 years experience as a supervisory level in the food and beverage service. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. Four (4) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: May 25, 2016 **POSITION: Server**
CLOSE DATE: June 8, 2016 **SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour**

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in food service preferred. Friendly personality, willingness to serve and a readily smiling individual highly preferred. Sixteen (16) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: May 25, 2016 **POSITION: Gift Shop Cashier**
CLOSE DATE: June 8, 2016 **SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour**

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two years experience in a cashier type occupation preferred. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: May 25, 2016 **POSITION: Lifeguard**
CLOSE DATE: June 8, 2016 **SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour**

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Obtaining a lifeguard certification will be required for continued employment for the lifeguard position. Must have a friendly and an outgoing personality. Six (6) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: May 25, 2016 **POSITION: Mechanic**
CLOSE DATE: June 8, 2016 **SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour**

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Two (2) years of experience in related field strongly preferred. Two (2) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: May 25, 2016 **POSITION: Cook**
CLOSE DATE: June 8, 2016 **SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour**

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Two (2) years of formal training/education in culinary arts preferred. Position requires employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. Four (4) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: May 25, 2016 **POSITION: Baker**
CLOSE DATE: June 8, 2016 **SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour**

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Two (2) years of formal training and/or experience in bakery preferred. Position requires employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. Four (4) positions are currently available.

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle/Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Team at (670) 234-5900 ext. 274/266/576.

APEX BUILDERS, INC.
Job Opening:

Administrative Assistant (1) $6.55- $7.50/hr.
Must be a high school graduate or college level with 2-5 years experience as an administrative assistant. Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records, stenography and transcription, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology.Perform general office duties, such as ordering supplies, maintaining records management database systems, and performing basic bookkeeping work. Know how to drive vehicle.

Accounting Technician (2) $6.55-7.50/hr.
Must be B.S. Accounting graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Accounting Technician. Must know how to prepare all CNMI taxes and licenses.Capable of performing combines routine calculations, posting and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data to maintain accounting records, filing or organize company documents.

Carpenter (5) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 5 years experience as a Carpenter, With knowledge how to construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; and wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors.

Civil Engineering Technicians (1) $6.55-7.00/hour
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2- years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician with knowledge how to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

Construction Manager (1) $10.00-13.87/hour
Must be a college graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Construction Manager. Know how to plan, direct or coordinate, usually through subordinate supervisory personnel, activities concerned with the construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems.

Electrician (2) $6.55 - $7.15/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as Electrician. With knowledge on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Able to install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic (1) $6.55 - $7.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

Heavy Equipment Operator (20) $6.55 - $7.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years' experience as HE Operator. With knowledge how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concretes and etc.

Mason (1) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 3 years experience as Mason. With knowledge how to do smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks.

Truck Driver (1) $6.55 - $7.45/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experiences as a Truck Driver with knowledge on how to drive a Tractor Trailer or Trucks that has a capacity of at least 26,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight(GVW) for various construction materials transportation.

Interested applicants may apply at Apex Builder's Inc. office located at As Perdido, Saipan, CNMI. A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills, testing maybe required.
Apex Builder's Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Run Date: May 26, 27, 30, 31 and June 01, 2016
Closing date will be on June 02, 2016.

CORAL OCEAN GOLF RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Front Desk Agent (Japanese Market)
Salary : $6.05 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. Have at least three months to one year of related work experienced. Knowledge of principle and processes for providing excellent personal and customer service skills. including handling large group of arrivals. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Must be able to speak and understand English and preferably fluent in Japanese language. Computer proficiency and email communication. Knowledge in any Hotel/Golf System software is a plus.

Maintenance Supervisor
Salary : $7.00 to $8.55
Engineering Degree or related course is an asset. At least three years of work related experienced. Knowledge in selecting, maintaining and monitoring daily operations of power plant, generators, water pumps, plumbing, electrical, welding, heating, cooling, ventilation, furnishing, fixtures, painting, carpentry, troubleshooting, and mechanical equipment. Must be able to work under the sun, can stand for prolonged period of time. Computer literate, and possess email communication skills. Knowledge in all safety and hazardous standard. Has the ability to be extent flexibility that include bending, twisting, and lifting at least 50lbs. Knowledge of diesel and gasoline equipment operations. Highly qualified in supervising subordinates and possess leadership.

Golf Course Starter
Salary: $6.05 to $7.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least few months of related work experienced. Knowledge of principle and processes for providing excellent personal and guest service skills. Be able to speak other language but not required. Must be able to work under the sun. Be able to stand prolonged period of time and capable of lifting at least 50lbs. Must be able to acquire driver's license. Possess knowledgeable in the rules of golf game.

Bartender
Salary: $6.05 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least one year experienced working as a Bartender. Knowledge in different variety of cocktail, tropical, alcoholic or non-alcohol drinks. Must be able to create and possess broad ideas for mixing, creating and serving drinks. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. A "People Person", acquired hospitality related program and speaking additional languages preferred but not required. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of customers. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Able to obtain Food Handler Certification

Suwaso Corporation would like to invite all qualified US workers to send/submit their resume/application form to HR.COGR@eland.co.kr not later than May 31, 2016 at 4:00 PM. All qualified applicants must be willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekend and holidays and be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Provide at least two recommendations letter and proof of certification for the position, if needed. Application form is available in the hotel lobby and HR Office. Incomplete application may not be considered for assessment. Fill up the form completely prior submission. No phone calls please.

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Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.
(An Inchcape Company)

Assistant Aftersales Manager

Opening: **May 25, 2016** Closing: **June 8, 2016**

Atkins Kroll Inc. is looking for a professional who will be responsible to assist and manage the Aftersales (Parts & Service) team operations. He or she must be able to run an efficient and profitable department through productive staffing, customer retention, cost controls, and achievement of objectives. The Assistant Aftersales Manager will also be responsible to ensures that the daily inventory of technician's time is consistently sold to service customers; monitor part procedures, inventory control, while contributing to an amazing customer experience.

Qualifications:
- Minimum 3 years Parts & Service Management experience.
- Degree in Automotive Technology, or equivalent experience
- Extremely organized and can multitask.
- Maintain focus and work in a high pressure environment.
- Excellent communications skills-both written and verbal.
- Excellent computer skills, including Microsoft Office, Excel, Power Point, Word,

COMPETITIVE WAGES & EXCELLENT BENEFITS
Benefits: Medical and Dental Insurance Plan, 401k Retirement Savings Plan, Long Term Disability Insurance, Life Insurance, Paid Holidays, Vacation, and Sick Leave.

If you meet these qualifications submit your resume to hr@akguam.net or apply in person at Atkins Kroll Saipan, Inc. Finance & Admin. Office
No phone calls please!

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Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountants
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, GENIISYS and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Accounting Manager
Bachelor's degree in Business Administration major in accounting with a minimum 5 years experience in insurance financial management and possess good management ability. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SAP R3 FICO system, and the insurance Geniisys program. Must possess good understanding of government and regulatory compliance procedures and requirements, excellent communication skills, as well as experience in interpreting financial reports. Preparation of NAIC Annual & Quarterly Statements, knows how to understand actuarial reports and auditing experience an advantage.

General Manager
Bachelor's Degree plus 10 years experience in the insurance business, at least 5 years of that as a general or operations manager in an insurance company. Must possess experience in managing technical underwriting including actual undertaking of risk analysis through risk survey and/or inspections of huge risks. Must have experience in managing reinsurance transactions with reinsurance brokers and reinsurers which involves undertaking of PML, Catastrophe Modeling, Setting Company Risk Retention. Must also be experienced in managing insurance claims handling including setting up of loss reserves in overseeing Claims Manager functions.

System Analyst
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Technology or Management Information Systems with a minimum 4 years experience in computer systems and programming. Must possess a broad knowledge and experience in computer systems, strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and the ability to think logically. Must have knowledge in Oracle server and programming, and a strong experience in insurance database and program – GENIISYS and an in-depth experience in insurance business operations. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Underwriting and Claims Supervisor
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree plus 5 years of work experience in insurance business particularly in claims, underwriting, and reinsurance. Must also have knowledge, skills and ability to analyze and manipulate enterprise risk management. Must possess above average communication skills, a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and the insurance software GENIISYS. Must be willing to take cross-functional assignments and adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's business operations.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO. RESTAURANT & MARKET

is now accepting applications for experienced:

- Supervisors
- Kitchen Helpers
- Servers
- Cooks

Apply in person at the **Triple J Corporate Office,** Ground Floor, Silver Hotel, Brigida St., Chalan Kanoa Monday through Friday, 9am to 12noon.

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.
corpoffice@triplejsaipan.com

Triple J is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Saipan Tribune, Inc. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accounting and Circulations Manager
College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management and newspaper circulation experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management and newspaper circulation activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage a work team and independent contractors. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Associate Editor
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any other related course with at least 5 years experience, including newsroom management, story evaluation, and production. Must have strong rewriting, headlining, and proofreading skills and must be able to meet tight deadlines. Preferably with an extensive experience in sports writing.

Circulations Coordinator
Associates degree with a minimum of 2 years progressively responsible work experience. Requirements include professional customer service and good driving skills. Must be able to routinely lift and move bundles of newspapers up to 50 lbs.

Graphic Designer (3)
Associate's degree in Graphic Design or other related field. Minimum of 3 years work experience doing computer graphics and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be familiar with offset printing process, computer peripherals, and Mac operating system. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, weekends, and holidays, depending on demand.

Managing Editor
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course. At least 8 years progressive journalism and newspaper management experience with a strong story evaluation and production background. Must have rigorous proofreading skills and able to meet tight deadlines. Knows how to use InDesign or Quark Express and must be adept in the various technical aspects of newspaper publishing.

Reporter (2)
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course; At least 3 years work related experience; Above-average writing skills and a competent grasp of grammar and syntax; With rigorous standards for accuracy and detail; Ability to work within deadlines and in a stressful environment; Knowledgeable in all types of writing, including news and features; With photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation

Sports Reporter
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English or any related course; At least 2 years experience in sports writing. Above average writing skills, with strong grasp of grammar and syntax. Must be able to write stories based on score sheets. Can work fast within deadlines and in a stressful environment. Fast learner, self-starter, and a team player. Must be able to work on holidays, weekends, late nights, and on a short notice. Must be computer literate and have photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation.

Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Saipan Tribune, Inc. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan or e-mail it to Int_recruitment@tanholdings.com. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

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CHAMPION FINANCE

Champion Finance is looking for Dynamic individuals who would like to be a part of our team for the following post.

Loan / Financial Manager

Duties:

- Review loan agreements to ensure that they are complete and accurate according to policy.
- Approve, reject, or coordinate the approval or rejection of lines of credit or commercial, real estate, or personal loans.
- Analyze applicants' financial status, credit, and property evaluations to determine feasibility of granting loans.
- Review collection reports to determine the status of collections and the amounts of outstanding balances.
- Set credit policies, credit lines, procedures and standards in conjunction with senior managers.
- Oversee the flow of cash or financial instruments.
- Prepare financial or regulatory reports required by laws, regulations, or boardsof directors.
- Develop or analyze information to assess the current or future financial status of firms.
- Evaluate financial reporting systems, accounting or collection procedures, or investment activities and make recommendations for changes to procedures, operating systems, budgets, or other financial control functions.
- Establish procedures for custody or control of assets, records, loan collateral, or securities to ensure safekeeping.
- Plan, direct, and coordinate risk and insurance programs of establishments to control risks and losses.

Education/Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Business Administration or Accounting and 2 years' experience in Finance will be a plus. Salary will be discussed upon interview.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their resumes or pick up an employment application at
Champion Finance, 3rd floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 316-B
or email championfinancecnmi@gmail.com

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN

A TanHoldings Company

Is inviting qualified U.S workers to apply for the following vacant positions

Position: Accounts Payable (1)
Qualifications: College Graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Major in accounting is preferred. 3 years progressive accounts payable and general accounting experience. Strong knowledge of relevant computer software application particularly SAPS R3 and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule, including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Able to supervise, manage and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills. Prefer some technical courses. Must know how to read floor plan, and electrical diagram. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work flexible schedule including holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Painter (1)
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a painter. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: Plumber (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years plumbing experience preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather.

Position: General Maintenance Worker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years work experience as a handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with a central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid CNMI driver's license is required. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment of the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. High School diploma or equivalent.

Position: Electrician (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols. Knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Supervisor, Food & Beverage (4)
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum of three (3) years work experience as F&B Supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: Bartender (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum two (2) years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

Position: Director of Food & Beverage (1)
Qualifications: A degree in hotel and restaurant management id preferred or minimum of 4 years work experience in a hotel food and beverage environment. Experience with and good understanding o financial and operational management of a hotel food and beverage operation. Excellent customer service skills and a passion for the hospitality industry. Stable work history and demonstrated achievement in progressively more responsible positions in hotel food and beverage operations along with strong, supportive employment references. Knowledgeable of safe sanitary procedures and health codes, overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Conducts training an employee's relating on employees relating to the F&B Operation. Proven ability to effectively build a team environment and makes decisions in a fast paced environment. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Night Auditor (1)
Qualifications: College diploma or equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

Position: Guest Relations Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. One to four years supervisory / managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to make sure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring that establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Guest Relations Agent (3)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent, two (2) years experience in providing quality customer and personal service. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. Multitasking skills, detail oriented and effective problem solving are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays and weekends and nights.

Position: Housekeeping Supervisor (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory / managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early mornings hours, holidays weekends and nights.

Position: Laundry Attendant (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 6 months to 1 year work experience as a laundry worker is preferred. Must be able to lift and push up to 30 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to stand on feet for long period of time. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

Position: Housekeeping Cleaner (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Minimum of 6 months work experience in a hotel Is preferred. Able to speak and write English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus . Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects.

Position: Demi Chef (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or post secondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum four (4) years work experience as a Demi Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Cooks (6)
Qualifications: Two (2) years experience as a cook in a high volume restaurant of hotel. Must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated and organized. Must be able to work nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Baker (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Some previous work-related skill, knowledge or experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule early morning hours, holidays, weekends & nights.

Position: Steward Supervisor (2)
Qualifications: Three (3) years experience in stewarding, one (1) year stewarding supervisor experience. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on Health and procedure and implementation.

Position: Purchasing Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. Minimum of three (3) progressive work experiences as a purchasing supervisor preferably in a hotel or fast-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternatives means of procuring material/ goods or services based on cost and serviceability's. Ability to pay close attention to details with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Experience with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, Dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: Cost Accountant (1)
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost to regular menu items and assist banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business or finance is preferred. Minimum of three (3) years work experience as cost accountant preferably in a hotel. Proficient in computer software applications particularly SAP, R3 and FICO. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: Supervisor General Accountant (1)
Qualifications: Minimum five (5) years progressive supervisory experience over transaction processing systems and solid accounting background with a working knowledge of business process improvement and internal control compliance. PC literacy and good written / verbal presentation skill.

Position: Income Auditor (1)
Qualifications: Four (4) years progressive experience as an income auditor is required and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets; knowledgeable with accounting software in particular SAP, R3 and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: Manager Accountant (1)
Qualifications: A minimum of Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting, 5 years experience in the area of financial statement preparation, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, accounts payable, and accounts receivable or the equivalent. Experience working with an automated financial management system. Knowledgeable and ability in the use of a personal computer and software applications particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Strong organizational and analytical skills and the ability to maintain detailed records; ability to work effectively under stressful conditions. Able to communicate both written and oral. Must be able to work a varied schedule including holidays and week-ends when required. The applicant must successfully complete a background check.

Position: Supervisor, Accounts Payable (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred or three (3) years work experience within the field and in a supervisory level is required and preferably from a high volume hotel operations. Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts payable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasions including weekends and holidays.

Position: Supervisor, Accounts Receivables (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferable or three (3) years work experience within the field and in supervisory level is required. Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts receivables from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Ensures that accounts are kept on current status. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations and preferably in a high volume hotel operations. Proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends and holidays.

Position: Chief Engineering (1)
Qualifications: Extensive experience with installing and troubleshooting electrical switches, operating boilers, and repairing appliances. Must have previous supervisory experience and over five (5) years experience as hotel chief engineer is required and preferably from a high volume.

Position: Mechanical Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: Most occupation in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree and four (4) years of mechanical engineering or related experience or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge skills, abilities have been achieved. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends or holidays.

Position: E-Service System Analyst (1)
Qualifications: Employees in these occupations usually needs several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training. Must have knowledge on computer software including applications and programming. Must be able to work independently or with very little supervision. Must have attention to detail. Able to work a flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays.

Position: Mason (1)
Qualifications: Knowledge of related tools, masonry techniques, equipment and materials. Skill in the construction, alteration, repair and maintenance of masonry structures and surfaces. Three (3) years masonry or bricklaying experience, or completion of a three (3) year federally approved technical training program in masonry or bricklaying; or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved.

Position: Gardener (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Two (2) years work experience as groundskeeper or gardener. Must be able to work well with hands and with tools and machinery. Must have strong stamina such that work require much reaching, bending, lifting, and walking; most of working hours are outdoors. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: Senior Supervisor, Food and Beverage (2)
Qualifications: Two (2) years progressive work experience in a large volume restaurant or hotel is preferred. Work experience must be at supervisory level. Excellent customer service, organizational and communicational skills are essential. Must be willing to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

Position: Food and Beverage Assistant (1)
Qualifications: Experience and responsibility in management level in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or hotel. A strong customer and people skill is essential. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Strong organizational and time management skills are necessary. Knowledgeable on sanitation and health regulation and implementation thereof. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early mornings, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: Restaurant Manager (1)
Qualifications: 2 years experience as restaurant manager is required and preferably from high volume restaurant or full service hotel. Strong communication, interpersonal and customer service skills are essential. Good problem solving and organizational skills are needed. Requires the ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Ability to speak Japanese, Korean or Mandarin Chinese is preferred. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Position: Assistant Manager Rooms Division (1)
Qualifications: Years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers as an Asst. Rooms Division Manager is required and preferably from a high volume hotel. Excellent customer service and ability to communicate effectively with customers and management team. Proficient with hotel property management system and computer software applications are essential. Must have profound knowledge in room's management. Ability to speak and write in Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work flexible schedule including days, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Front Desk Manager (1)
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Position: Director or Rooms (1)
Qualifications: 3 years progressive experience in a comparable position in a luxury hotel operation is required. In-depth knowledge of all aspects of Rooms Division operations; strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Must have the flexibility to meet the demands of a 24-hour operation and the ability to work comprehensively with spreadsheets and budgeting packages.

Position: Manager Information Technology (1)
Qualifications: Bachelors degree in computer science or equivalent education and experience. Knowledgeable of website technologies. 2 – 4 years progressive IT experience in management level including experience in multi-office environment. Demonstrated ability to lead a team of technical staff to work with the executive management of an organization and to manage multiple concurrent projects. Excellent communication skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: Director of Sales and Marketing (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Sales & Marketing or business preferred with a minimum of six (6) years related experience with progressive managerial experience. Demonstrated in-depth sales and marketing techniques and financial principles. Fluency in Japanese language is essential. Able to travel off island occasionally to attend sales meetings as necessary. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Position: Waiter / Waitress (16)
Qualifications: High school diploma / GED preferred. At least six (6) months serving experience required or six (6) months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Chef De Partie (1)
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as Chef de partie or 3 – 4 years as Demi Chef / Commis preferably from a high volume hotel or large restaurant with good standards. Qualification in kitchen production or management will be an advantage. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards will be essential. Knowledge of basic computer skills in MS Office.

Executive Chef (1)
Qualifications: Responsible for all food purchase specifications and recipes including that used for restaurants, banquet functions and other outlets. Develop and monitor food and labor budget for the department. Interview, select, train, supervise, counsel and discipline all employees in the department. Maintain highest professional food quality and sanitation standards. 2 years previous experience as executive chef in a high volume hotel or large restaurant. Strong interpersonal , communication and organizational skills are essential.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than June 6, 2016.
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High school diploma or GED or equivalent. Two (2) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

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Must be a high school diploma or vocational graduate with a minimum of three (3) years' experience. Able to clean offices, residential complexes, hospitals, schools, industrial work areas, industrial machines, construction sites and other commercial premises using heavy duty cleaning equipment.

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No phone calls.
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Building Cleaner (4)
High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have at least 3 years working experience. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Important qualities: detailed oriented, responsible. Interpersonal skills. Must get along well with people they provide services for and must be polite and friendly. Physical stamina. Must be able to spend many hours on their feet scrubbing, bending, stooping, and stretching and must be able to lift or move up to 50 pounds. Must be able to work flexible hours and days.

Accountant (4)
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Business Development Manager
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Accounting Manager
College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

Accounting Supervisor
A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in accounting and/or finance. 2-3 years of progressive responsibility supervising a minimum of 3 associates. CPA/CPA candidate a plus. Audit experience also preferred. Must have knowledge with the use of SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge of Excel is a must.

Administrative Assistant (2)
Associate's Degree with 2 years experience of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Messenger (2)
High school graduate. Must be able to keep track of multiple documents and itemize. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Good oral and written communication skills and good driving skills are required. Must provide and maintain own vehicle for work and have a valid driver's license. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Administrative Assistant for Sports Facilities (3)
High school diploma or GED certificate plus 2 years experience working in sports organization or sports facilities. Training & coaching experience preferred but not required. Must be proficient in typing with good written and oral communication skills. Proficient in MS Office including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic (3)
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

HR & Administrative Assistant
Associate's Degree. Must have knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, benefits and personnel information systems. Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources. Ability to work in confidential related matters, self-directed and be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment. With a minimum of 2 years work experience in human resource, administrative and accounting. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Vice President
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with a minimum of 10 years of professional progressive management experience and at least 5 years of Tourism & Cargo business experience (Korean Market), and general management experience in property management, or hotel management. Proficient in English & Korean languages. Knowledge of lease negotiations plus financial and quality management is required. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives.

Electrician
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

General Maintenance Worker (10)
High school diploma or equivalent with at least 3 years experience especially in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

Network Administration Manager
Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

Engineering Manager
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

Sales Officer
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Legal Secretary (2)
Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

Corporate Paralegal Officer
Bachelor's degree in paralegal studies or in any related field. Minimum of 3 years experience providing sound legal research, reliable litigation support and preparation of legal documents, pleadings and contracts. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Lexis - Nexis and Pacer - ECF is required.

IT Manager
College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

Computer Technician
Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Graphic Designer
Associate's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or other related areas. Minimum of 3 years work experience in creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, depending on demand.

Programmer Analyst (2)
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

A pre-employment drug testing is required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, July 01, 2015.

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Aircraft Maintenance Technician (5)
Requires: Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Performs various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in the use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (3)
Requires: Diploma from technical/vocational course on automotive/diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment. Performs mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Must also be skilled in parts fabrication.

Load Planning Specialist (1)
Requires: Associate's Degree with 2 years of aircraft ramp operation experience with specific airline certification as a load planner. Ensures that aircraft load is distributed and secured in accordance with aircraft weight and balance requirements, ensuring that the aircraft's operational or structural limitations are not exceeded. Must be computer-literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations.

Airport Service Agent (Aircraft) (3 Part-time)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Performs interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Must be knowledgeable in the use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials.

Airport Service Agent (Passenger) (2 Part-time)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Assists passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/ reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills in both English and Chinese. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards.

Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician (1)
Requires: AS Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering with 4 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in the use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license.

Lead Airport Service Agent (Aircraft) (1)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Knowledgeable in the use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver's license.

Lead Airport Service Agent (Passenger) (2)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, assisting passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Cargo) (1)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience as a cargo handler. Handles and accepts cargoes according to the IATA, FAA, TSA, local airport, airlines and company regulations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, preparing documents for out-going and transfer cargoes. Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment and be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Must be proficient in the use of CSP Cargo Trac System.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Ramp) (3)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, operating equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to teach operation of specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards.

Technical Operations Supervisor (1)
Requires: Diploma from technical / vocational course on automobile gas / diesel engines with minimum 4 years experience with a supervisory capacity in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas / diesel engine maintenance. Plans work and supervises mechanics in performing mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles.

Terminal Operations Supervisor (1)
Requires: Associate's degree in related field. Five (5) years equivalent work experience. Specific airline certification as load planner. Sufficient mathematical skills to perform manual weight and balance calculations. Thorough knowledge in all areas of ramp, cargo and flight operations. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations

Accountant (1)
Requires: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with 2 years of progressive experience in accounting. Airline industry experience preferred. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and Microsoft software.

Accounting Manager (1)
Requires: College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

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LeBron, Love help Cavaliers regain finals lead

CLEVELAND (AP)—Back home, the Cavaliers were not hospitable. Just rude.

They roughed up the visiting Raptors again.

LeBron James scored 23 points then sat the fourth quarter, Kevin Love scored 25, and Cleveland unleashed tenacious defense on Toronto to regain control of the Eastern Conference finals with a 116-78 rout of the Raptors in Game 5 on Wednesday night.

On their court in front of 20,000-plus screaming, towel-waving fans following two straight losses in Canada, the Cavs opened a 34-point lead in the first half, pushed it to 43 in the second half and took a 3-2 series lead.

They can clinch their second straight conference title and trip to the NBA Finals with a win in Game 6 on Friday night in Toronto.

"We gotta come out from the beginning and that starts with the Big 3," James said, referring to himself, Love and Kyrie Irving, who added 23 points. "We'll be much better."

It's hard to imagine the Cavs being more in sync. They clicked at both ends in Game 5, handing the Raptors a beating that could linger into the offseason. After coming in with momentum and confidence, Toronto's players left Quicken Loans Arena shaken and one loss from having their deepest playoff run stopped.

"They kicked our butts, bottom line," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "That's been all three ballgames."

James had eight assists and six rebounds in 31 minutes before checking out late in the third quarter with the Cavs up 37. He spent the fourth quarter resting on the bench while Cleveland's reserves finished the romp.

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) looks to pass around Toronto Raptors' DeMarre Carroll (5) during the first half of Game 5 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals Wednesday, May 25, 2016, in Cleveland.

At halftime, James, Irving and Love had outscored the Raptors 43-34. Cleveland has won its three games in the series by a combined 88 points, and won its last four over Toronto at home by 110.

"They are a different team here," Casey said. "We came in here with a chance to do something special and we didn't get it done. They pushed us around and took what they wanted."

DeMar DeRozan scored 14 and Kyle Lowry 13 for the Raptors, who were overwhelmed from the start. Bismack Biyombo had just four rebounds after getting 40 the past two games. The only positive for Toronto was center Jonas Valanciunas, who returned after missing eight straight games with a sprained right ankle. He scored nine points in 18 minutes.

Playing defense as if every possession was the game's last, Cleveland held Toronto to 34 points in the opening half while building a 31-point halftime lead—the largest in conference finals history. Since their expansion arrival in 1993, the Raptors had never been down by 30 before in any game—regular or postseason -- at halftime but they have rarely seen a defense like this either.

The Cavs were all over the court, swarming and stifling DeRozan and Lowry, who combined for 67 points in Game 4.

A courtside doctor might have stopped this one in the first half.

Love found his shooting touch after it went missing during the lost weekend in Toronto, where he went just 5 of 23 and was benched for the fourth quarter of Game 4. He finished 8 of 10 from the field, a confidence-boosting performance that should temporarily quiet his critics.

"Kevin Love being Kevin Love," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said. "He had two bad shooting games and we made a big deal out of it. Nothing he does amazes me. We gotta keep him aggressive all the time."

The Cavs made a point of getting Love the ball right away and he responded by making all four field goal attempts, dropping a 3 late in the first quarter that pushed the Cavs to a 37-19 lead.

"It was a bounce-back game for him," James said. "He's a true professional."

Cleveland's onslaught continued in the second quarter, and when James got free for an easy two-handed dunk, Cavs fans could relax and begin making TV viewing plans for Friday.

These looked more like the Cavaliers who opened the postseason with 10 straight wins, obliterated the Raptors by a combined 50 points in Games 1 and 2 and given a chance to beat whomever survived in the West.

The Cavs credited Love with setting the tone early.

"He really got it going," J.R. Smith said. "He makes tough shots around the basket and that was big for us."

Brees 'not stressing' about lack of extension

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Saints star quarterback Drew Brees says he's "not stressing" about a recent lack of progress on a possible contract extension with New Orleans and said he'll approach this season the same way whether he gets a new deal or not.

Brees, who has been participating in offseason practices this week, said Wednesday night that holding out is "not even a consideration."

"I'd love a long-tern deal to get done, something that would lock me up for the rest of my career," Brees said while participating in a charity softball event featuring numerous Saints players. "I plan on playing for a few more years and obviously I expect it to be here. But I'm not stressing about it at all.

"Whether I'm locked up for five years or whether I have a one-year deal, it's still the same mindset for me," Brees stressed. "I'm playing year to year in regards to what I have to prove."

Brees said there haven't been any contract talks for nearly two months.

"It's been a little while since we had discussions," Brees said, but added, "I really haven't given it a whole lot of thought" recently.

"All those discussions will take place again. If they don't, they don't," Brees said. "I'll play the season with the same approach that I would play whether we had a long term deal or not."

The last time Brees went into the final season of a contract, he played through it without a new deal. That was 2011, which turned out to be his most prolific season; he passed for a then-NFL record 5,476 yards. He then held out until July 2012, when he signed a five-year, $100 million extension that expires after the 2016 season.

Last season, Brees led the NFL in yards passing with 4,870.

This season, his contract will count about $30 million against New Orleans' salary cap. An extension could help the Saints reduce Brees' cap burden this season by spreading out what the franchise QB is owed, but with most high-profile free agents already signed this offseason, it appears the Saints are prepared to move ahead with Brees' current cap burden if they cannot reach an agreement this summer.

Brees said he'll remain interested in resuming negotiations until around the time the regular season begins.

Kerr: Warriors on brink but ready to rally

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Steve Kerr gave his Golden State players a much-needed mental day off with time to rest their weary bodies, and he got back to work trying to figure out how to save the season against a powerful Thunder team that shows no signs of slowing down.

Back to the basics, back to doing the little things that got the Warriors this far.

After a record 73 wins in the regular season, the Warriors are on the brink as they go into Game 5 of the Western Conference finals Thursday night in Oakland trailing the Thunder 3-1 after a second straight lopsided loss in Oklahoma City.

No denying it's a daunting task for the defending champs - especially given that MVP Stephen Curry is a far cry from being completely healthy.

"Well, it's a sense of reality staring us in the face. We're down 3-1," Kerr said Wednesday. "Momentum can shift quickly in the playoffs. We've seen that the last couple years. Let's take care of business at home, get some momentum back and we've got a chance."

All season long, the Warriors have taken the best efforts from every opponent. The just haven't shown the vulnerabilities that appeared the past two games in Oklahoma City, where Golden State lost back-to-back games for the first time during its record-setting season.

The flight home was hardly fun following Tuesday's 118-94 defeat.

"It was not festive. It was quiet," Kerr said.

The Warriors shot 41 percent and committed 21 turnovers that led to 18 Thunder points. Curry was 6 for 20 and missed eight of his 10 3-point attempts to score 19 points, sparking further talk that he's far from full strength. The unanimous MVP has dealt with ankle, knee and elbow injuries this postseason alone.

Kerr isn't about to put a percentage on his superstar's health.

"I don't do that. If he ere struggling with anything, I would know," Kerr said. "Nobody has said anything about Steph being 70 percent to me. Our training staff, relatives, friends, sources with knowledge of our team's thinking, nobody has told me he's 70 percent."

Golden State will likely need a big night from Curry to get back in this.

Only nine teams in NBA history have rallied from being down 3-1 to win a postseason series, yet Kerr was quick to note, "I'm guessing most of them weren't the defending champs."

With the season on the line, first-year Oklahoma City coach Billy Donovan expects the Warriors to bring their best while back in front of their home fans.

"Again, we have great respect for Golden State. We know how good of a team they are. You've got to get to a place after each game - what happened in the game, what do we need to get better, what do we do well, what are some changes or adjustments we need to make - and then you've got to move into the next one," Donovan said.

"I just don't believe that Game 5 is a continuation from Game 4. This is its own separate game and we're going to have to go now on the road to play in a very difficult environment against a great team."

Murray pushed to 5 sets again at French Open

PARIS (AP)—As if ordering room service, Andy Murray's latest unheralded French Open tormenter requested that a can of Coke and a Mars bar be brought to him right there on Court Philippe Chatrier for sustenance during their five-setter.

Truth is, it was Murray who appeared in need of a jolt of some sort, especially while he was losing 16 points in a row during one stretch.

"I lost my way on the court today," Murray said, "for quite a while."

For now, Murray is still in the mix at Roland Garros, reaching the third round by coming from behind yet again to win 6-2, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday against French wild-card entry Mathias Bourgue, who was playing in the second tour-level match of his life. The second-seeded Murray acknowledged he can't keep getting pushed to the limit if he has designs on adding a third Grand Slam title to his collection.

"I need to go and rest," said Murray, already on court for 10 sets and more than 7 hours. "It's been a tough, tough few days."

Sure has.

Murray, three times a semifinalist in Paris, never had won consecutive five-set matches in any tournament. But he twice overcame a set deficit before edging 37-year-old qualifier Radek Stepanek 3-6, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, 7-5 in a first-round match suspended by darkness Monday and completed Tuesday.

Then, against Bourgue—a 22-year-old buoyed by a partisan crowd that repeatedly regaled their man with standing ovations and jeered line calls that didn't go his way — Murray dropped eight straight games, including that 16-point drought, and fell behind by two sets to one.

"I couldn't believe it myself," Bourgue said. "I was very happy. I was very proud. I knew I was on top of things at that point."

Not surprisingly, it didn't last.

This is, after all, someone who is ranked 164th. Someone who usually plays on the lower-tier Challenger tour and never before faced anyone ranked better than 55th. Someone who never before contested a fourth set and so leaned on advice from another French pro, Gilles Simon: If exhaustion sets in, ask for a soda and a candy bar (a ball boy eventually did bring Bourgue a drink and a Twix on Wednesday).

AP

Britain's Andy Murray screams after scoring a point in his second round match of the French Open tennis tournament against France's Mathias Bourgue at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

To scout him, Murray asked some French players what they knew about Bourgue—he's good on clay, they warned—and watched video of his match from Monday. Not much else to go on.

Murray is more familiar with his next opponent: No. 27 Ivo Karlovic, who hit 41 aces to beat Australian wild-card entry Jordan Thompson 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (4), 12-10 and become, at 37, the oldest man to reach a major's third round since Jimmy Connors at the 1991 U.S. Open.

Arrieta moves to 9-0 as Cubs edge Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP)— Jake Arrieta remained unbeaten on the season despite allowing as many as four runs for the first time in nearly a year and the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 9-8 on Wednesday.

Arrieta (9-0) joined the White Sox's Chris Sale as the only nine-game winners in the majors.

Arrieta allowed four runs in a regular-season game for the first time since June 16, 2015.

He became the first Cub to win his first nine decisions since Kenny Holtzman in 1967 and it is the best start to a season for the franchise since Jim McCormick went 16-0 in 1886.

Blue Jays 8, Yankees 4

In New York, Russell Martin hit his first two home runs of the season, Michael Saunders also went deep and Toronto finally broke out its big bats, halting New York's six-game winning streak.

Astros 4, Orioles 3

In Houston, Evan Gattis hit a two-run homer and Luis Valbuena had a tiebreaking solo shot in the sixth inning that gave Houston a win.

Mets 2, Nationals 0

In Washington Steven Matz pitched a career-high eight innings to win his seventh consecutive start for the New York Mets.

Matz (7-1) has a 1.13 ERA over his winning streak, not allowing a run in four of those starts.

Red Sox 10, Rockies 3

In Boston, Jackie Bradley Jr. extended his major league-best hitting streak to 29 games, Xander Bogaerts homered to extend his hitting streak to 18 games and Boston got its fourth straight win.

Dodgers 3, Reds 1

In Los Angeles, Joc Pederson hit a go-ahead, two-run single with two outs in the fourth inning and Scott Kazmir struck out 12, lifting Los Angeles over Cincinnati to complete a three-game sweep.

Pirates 5, Diamondbacks 4

In Pittsburgh, David Freese hit a long two-run home run to cap a four-run fifth inning, Sean Rodriguez also homered and Pittsburgh rallied.

Freese hit a 451-foot blast into the Pirates' bullpen in center field off Rubby De La Rosa (4-5) to put the Pirates ahead 5-4.

Mariners 13, Athletics 3

In Seattle, Adam Lind hit home runs in his first two at-bats and had a season-best six RBI while Seattle scored a season-high in runs in a rout of Oakland.

Hisashi Iwakuma (3-4) threw seven strong innings and won his second straight decision.

Marlins 4, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Cole Gillespie had a late tiebreaking RBI single, Marcell Ozuna drove in two runs and Miami beat Tampa Bay.

Miami took a 4-3 lead in the eighth when J.T. Realmuto singled, went to second on Chris Johnson's sacrifice bunt and scored on Gillespie's single off 30-year old Tyler Sturdevant (0-1).

Indians 4, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Corey Kluber allowed two runs over 7 1/3 innings and Cleveland roughed up a top White Sox pitcher for the second straight day.

After sending Chris Sale to his first loss after a 9-0 start, the Indians got three runs and five hits in six innings against Joel Quintana (5-4).

Rangers 15, Angels 9

In Arlington, Rangers rookie Nomar Mazara hit the longest home run in the major leagues this season, Rougned Odor drove in three in likely his last game before a suspension and Texas beat Los Angeles.

Twins 7, Royals 5

In Minneapolis, Miguel Sano hit the go-ahead two-run home run in the fifth inning after Minnesota lost an early lead, and the Twins staved off another series sweep.

Eduardo Nunez and Brian Dozier each homered, too, the first two batters to face Royals starter Dillon Gee (1-2).

Giants 4, Padres 3, 10 innings

In San Francisco, Brandon Crawford singled in Matt Duffy with two outs in the 10th inning, and surging San Francisco got its 13th win in 14 games.

San Francisco completed a three-game sweep, extended its winning streak to five and improved to 9-0 against the Padres this season.

Phillies 8, Tigers 5

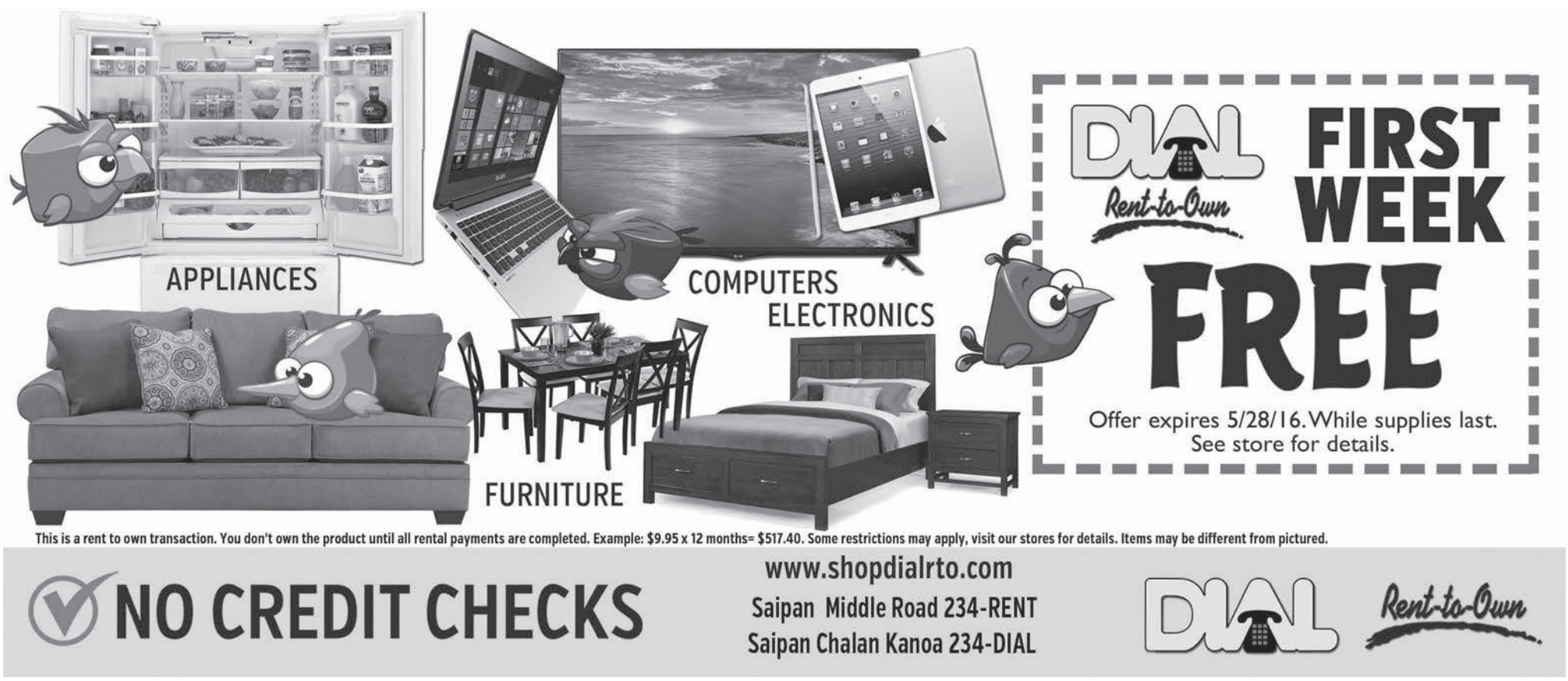
In Detroit, Odubel Herrera and Peter Bourjos homered off Anibal Sanchez, and Philadelphia Phillies salvaged the finale of a three-game series.

Sanchez (3-6) allowed three earned runs and eight hits in six-plus innings. The Tigers made two errors in the fourth before Herrera's two-out homer, so three runs were unearned.

Brewers 3, Braves 2, 13 innings

In Atlanta, Jonathan Villar's run-scoring single in the 13th inning for Milwaukee sent Atlanta to another home loss.

Michael Blazek (3-1) picked up the win for the second night in a row. Carlos Torres earned his first save.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Cultura rules SBA 8-Ball banquet tournament

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Nolan Cultura ruled the Saipan Billiards Association's Budweiser Open 8-Ball awards banquet tournament. The one-day competition was held last Sunday at Doro's Lechon in Middle Road.

The Jokers Destroyers team captain went undefeated in the double-elimination round contest, beating a strong field composed of fellow cue artists from champions teams in the regular season and the postseason Budweiser Cup.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Nolan Cultura is flanked by runners-up Senen Pangilinan, left, and Rowel Mariano after the awards ceremony for the Saipan Billiards Association's Budweiser Open 8-Ball banquet tournament last Sunday.

Cultura defeated Rico Montano in his first assignment then followed it up by dispatching Erwin Gomez. He closed out his elimination round campaign with two more wins against Senen Pangilinan and Rowel Mariano to clinch the first finals berth.

Pangilinan, who dropped to the losers bracket after his loss to Cultura, had to claw his way up to the loser's bracket to arrange a finals date with his fourth round tormentor. He scored wins over Montano, Gomez, and Mariano before losing anew to Cultura in the title match.

Cultura received a trophy and $100 cash, while Pangilinan settled for the $50 runner-up prize. Mariano went home with $30.

Pangilinan's scored wins against Toto Bigcas and Joseph Achas before bowing to Cultura to drop to the losers bracket, while Mariano downed Joshua Woodson, Joey Lucido, and Rey Pinangay, but was beaten by Cultura in the semifinals.

SBA regular season and Budweiser Cup most valuable player Marc Brian Nelvis, Rodel Dela Cruz, Alber Pangilinan, Jack Thornsaket, Ray Matsunaga, Rolly Villanueva, Warlee Ellama, and Roy Tereyama were the other competitors.

Meanwhile, sign up is ongoing for the upcoming summer-fall season of the SBA 8-Ball League set to start in July.

Fanihi, Flame Tree division finalists known

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The Doro's Alamo Dragons were slated to take on 6JMS Mafia II for the Fanihi division crown, while the Naked Fish Ridin'Darrty was to collide with the Oleai No Fear with the Flame Tree title on the line as the postseason Bud Light Cup draws to a close. Matches were being played at press time.

The Dragons clinched a finals spot in the Fanihi division after completing an 8-2 crushing of 6JMS Ta-Chagi Talo, while the Mafia escaped with an 8-7 win over the Jokers Preba Darts to earn the right of facing the Doro's-backed squad.

Dhan Mateo, Raymond Naluz, Chris Omres, and Felix Travilla made short work of Ta-Chagi Talo's quartet of Loyd Aldan, Lisa Calma, Rita Fital, and Peter Mendiola.

Mateor and Naluz lost the opening Partners 501 to Fitial and Mendiola, but the Dragons went on to win four straight games. Travilla dropped his matchup against Calma, but sealed the win by winning the last four matches.

The story was different in the Mafia II-Preba Darts contest with the opposing teams battling for every point and no squad gaining the clear advantage. The game was tied, 7-7, after the final Partners event.

The result of the match could go either way but Joker Camacho, Ray Cepeda, Allan Dellica, and Gilbert Gatmaitan made sure they will be on the winning end. They outlasted Josh Cabrera, Nate Castro, Keoni Pua, and Kris Yangilmau to seal a finals date with the Dragons.

The Dragons defeated Oleai Team Fearless in the first round of the eight-team field, while the Mafia eliminated Doro's Life After Darts before clashing with Ta-Chagi Talo and Preba Darts, respectively.

The Ridin'Darrty and No Fear became the last two surviving teams after the three-week long Bud Light Cup. They disposed of their respective semifinals foes, the Jonny's Kyodai and Naked Fish Na'Gupu.

The Ridin'Darrty quickly went to work with the pair of Boom Cruz and Nate Bermudez outlasting the tandem of Arsen Jones and Pat Togawa, while the duo of Cisco Cruz and Paul Quizon downed the Allan Cabrera-Ton Tomokane team in the opening Partners 201 event.

They never gave their opponents the chance to recover after that with their lone loss happening in the first Partners 701 event, as Bermudez and Boom Cruz fell to Jones and Togawa.

The Ridin'Darrty secured the win in the second half of the Partners 701 contest and in the first game of the Singles Half It with Boom Cruz delivering the final blow when he bested Jones.

The No Fear, after dropping the opening Partners 501 contests, won five of the next 10 matches including a sweep in the Singles Half-It.

The Ridin'Darry also defeated the Jokers Latter Sparts, while No Fear beat Naked Fish One Shot before their respective matches against Kyodai and Na'Gupu.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Doro's Alamo Dragons players are hoping to clinch the Bud Light Cup Fanihi division crown against 6JMS Mafia II.

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SPC and Hoe Lokahi-GCA, respectively, while SPC prevailed in the semis after clocking in at 3:17.92. Hoe Lokahi was second in the semis with its 3:28.28, while Napu was last after submitting 3:31.29.

In the boys 1,000m finale, Napu was about four seconds ahead of SPC, 6:00.37-6:04.34, while Hoe Lokahi-GCA tallied 6:44.10. SPC had the fastest time in the semis (5:47.80), while Napu and Hoe Lokahi-GCA recorded 6:07.86 and 6:16.52, respectively.

In the girls 1,000 finals, SPC came out on top with its 6:36.90. Napu posted the second best time 6:55.79, but was again disqualified due to a violation, giving Hoe Lokahi-GCA (7:39.36) the runner-up spot. SPC also finished first in the semis, reaching the shore at the 6:21.35 mark, while Napu timed in at 6:57.62, and Hoe Lokahi-GCA clocked in at 7:03.00.

"We want to thank all the CNMI Paddle Sports Federation board members, Napu Outrigger Canoe, Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club, Hoe Lokahi Outrigger Canoe and Grace Christian Academy for all their support in making this event a success," race director Ed Johnson said.

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to one run in the first five innings. Laniyo put the Enforcers on the board in the second inning off a miscue from the Red Sox's catcher. The Red Sox, on the other hand, collected four runs—all from the Enforcers' defensive lapses from the third to fifth inning, for a 4-1 advantage.

An RBI single from Sebitang at the bottom of the sixth moved the Enforcers within two and he later scored off Red Sox's pitching error to slice the deficit to one before another booboo from the latter tied the match.

Meanwhile, in the Junior League game last Sunday, the Enforcers downed the Braves, 6-2.

The Enforcers gained cushion early in the match, making five runs at the bottom of the second inning, while the Braves scored only in the fourth.

Dennis Cabrera and Sean Rabauliman each blasted an RBI single and the latter also reached off the Braves' error at rightfield, while the Enforcers' two other runs came from a passed ball and another miscue. J.P Celis added one more run as he was drove in by Pedro Maratita's single.

The Red Sox's two runs were courtesy of Joe Tudela's RBI double and Jordan Babauta's RBI single.

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coach added.

Kimura is also confident that Camacho-Deleon Guerrero, Tenorio, Maestro, and De Jesus will get medals in their respective races at the Hagatna Pool.

Tsunami Saipan swimmers will compete in 20 events in the Guam tournament. The list includes the 50m, 1,500m, 100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m freestyle; 50m, 100m, and 200m backstroke; 50m and 100m butterfly, 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke, 200m and 400m individual medley, 200m medley relay, and 200m freestyle relay.

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ing San Antonio to single-digit scoring. Douglas Schmidt anchored Ghasias' recovery, logging 11 of his game-high 44 points in that period, while Basa contributed 6.

After catching up in the second quarter, Ghasias engaged San Antonio in a close fight in the final half with the former ahead by only a deuce at the end of the third, 57-55. The seesaw battle continued in the fourth with Schmidt and Aranda trading baskets. However, in the end it was Espinosa who stole the show, as he used his long arms to collar the rebound twice and connect on his second attempt.

Espinosa finished the title match with 9 points, 5 of them came in the fourth quarter, while Aranda paced San Antonio with his 24 and was named Finals MVP.

Schmidt settled for a spot in the Mythical Five, joining De Guzman, Ken Viray, Josh Andrew, and Erick Dela Rosa. Syl Teregeyo, whose team CES Electroncs finished third after routing Kauila Enterprises in the consolation match, 115-74, claimed the regular season MVP trophy.

Meanwhile, DL caging organizers would like to thank all the donors of the individual and team trophies and the participating squads.

San Antonio 79 — Aranda 24, Galarse 12, De Guzman 11, Espinosa 9, Dela Rosa 9, Factor 6, Rabasto 3, Arciaga 3, Barbo 2.

Ghasias Brothers 78 — Schmidt 44, Basa 12, Barcinas, 12, Rabauliman 6, B. Pelisamen 2, Lisua 2.

Scoring by quarters: 28-12, 34-36, 57-55, 79-78.

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ture in the fourth and only Angelo Factor made more than two baskets for Rollers Blue.

Sakisat, on the other hand, drew enough support from his teammates to pull away in the last 10 minutes of play. Sakisat scored a game-high 24 points.

Meanwhile, in the first semis game, the Ol'Aces set up the easy win after outgunning the 670 Sonics in the first five minutes of the third period.

Up by only 5 after the first half, 39-34, the Ol'Aces went on a 13-2 scoring surge capped by Jerald Castillo's corner triple to bring the lead to double figures, 52-36.

Mike Arciaga made the lone field goal for the Sonics in their early collapse in the second half and the regular season top finishers did not recover from thereon, as Ol'Aces big men Napu Atalig and Ignacio Borja took the cudgels for their team in the fourth canto to keep their safe distance.

Atalig paced the Ol'Aces with his 13 markers, matching Aiten Aiferson's output. Greg Sablan and Ignacio Borja also finished in twin digits with 12 and 11, respectively. Djay March Ong led the 670 Sonics with his 13 points.

Wednesday Game

Ol'Aces 72—Atalig 13, Aiferson 13, Sablan 12, I. Borja 11, E. Borja 8, N-nes 6, Kabiriel 4, Castillo 3, Olopai 2.

670 Sonics 55—Ong 13, Arciaga 12, Fidelino 6, Rios 6, Castro 4, Kintato 3, Flores 2, Espinosa 2, Esmundo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-17, 39-34, 62-42, 72-55.

Thursday Game

Kagman Rizerz 75 — Sakisat 24, Blake 13, Muna 9, Palino 8, Jones 4, Jepehn 4, Tenorio 2, Magofna 2.

Rollers Blue 59 — Factor 17, Alipio 13, Ogumoro 12, Agulto 3, Tengco 3, Arceo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-17, 29-31, 53-47, 75-69.

20 off to HK for summer training camp

Twenty youth players from the various football clubs in the CNMI are heading to Hong Kong, beginning next month to attend Saipan Soccer School's 2016 Summer Training Camp.

The selected players will go to Hong Kong in batches with the first group joining the camp set from June 20 to July 3. The second batch will have their sessions from July 7 to July 20. The camp is being held in collaboration with ChelseaFC Soccer School Hong Kong and will take place in one of the host's training facilities in Kowloon.

Andrea Roberto leads the first group that will participate in the two-weeklong camp. Completing the list are Ericka Santiago, Paulynn Grace Joyce Jannah Casarino, Dorisalynn Ayuyu, Patricia Surima, Joannah Mishckha Carreon, Sharmaine Francisco, Jenny Ann Capayas, and Tinian's Emiliana King.

Tinian has also a representative in the second group in John Mark Palilio, who will be joined by Joshua Allen Waldo, Kohtaro Goto, Maui Johnson, Akira Kadokura, David Myers Jr., Nazzir Altamirano, Alex Christian Achas, John Mark Anastacio and Daniell Mar Pablo.

The selected players, whose age ranged from 12 to 14, will be under the guidance of ChelseaFC coaches and will also play against highly-trained Hong Kong youth players.

While in the former British colony, the members of the visiting groups are expected to improve their individual and team skills, learn techniques, and develop leadership, self confidence, and camaraderie among their fellow CNMI players and their hosts. The two groups will also get a chance to visit Hong Kong Disneyland and Ocean Park.

This is the second straight time that SSS sent CNMI players to Hong Kong for a summer training camp. Last year, 19 youth players from the different clubs had the privilege to train under the elite coaches from ChelseaFC and have scrimmage against Hong Kong players.

ChelseaFC Soccer School Hong Kong is headed by technical directors Leslie Santos and Luam Khen Koo, a former Hong Kong national player and Olympian, respectively. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

San Antonio nips Ghasias in finale

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Mike Espinosa, right, hit the dagger in San Antonio Patriots' 79-78 title win over Ghasias Brothers in the DL caging last Sunday at the San Antonio court.

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Mike Espinosa made a putback in the closing seconds of the finals to lift the San Antonio Patriots to a 79-78 win over Ghasias Brothers in the DL Sports Association Invitational Basketball League Season 5 last Sunday at the San Antonio court.

Espinosa hit the dagger off his own miss, which came after Jack Aranda also faltered on his drive. Aranda then redeemed himself on the defensive end, deflecting Ghasias' inbound pass to foil their foes' bid to pull off a miracle.

San Antonio had to lean on Espinosa's heroics after wasting an early lead. The eventual champion built a 28-12 advantage at the end of the first quarter behind the hot start of Aranda, who scored the team's first 8 points, including back-to-back triples. He added another shot from downtown to finish the opening canto with 11 markers as he nearly outgunned the entire Ghasias crew. Jaymark De Guzman added 7 in the opening frame to hand San Antonio a 16-point lead.

However, Ghasias Brothers surged back in the second canto and even wiped out the deficit, taking a 36-34 halftime lead after exploding for 24 points and limit-

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High expectations from Tsunami Saipan swimmers

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Six of the 16 Tsunami Saipan swimmers competing in the 2016 Guam Championship are expected to figure in the battle for the high-point award in their respective age groups.

Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said siblings Ashley and Aasish Dangol, Maria Batallones, Isaiah Aleksenko, Sophia Gauran, and Aika Watanabe are the club's strongest candidates for the division championships. Aasish and Ashley are racing in the U8 age group, while Ashley and Aleksenko are entered in the 9 to 10, and Gauran and Watanabe are competing in the 11 to 12.

Completing the Tsunami Saipan delegation for the tournament that will run today until tomorrow are Mark Maestro, Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero, Juhn Tenorio, Ayumi Obligacion, Hans Xu, Arman Rechucher, Sean Gil, Risa Sekiguchi, and Angel De Jesus. Originally, 22 Tsunami Saipan swimmers qualified for the Guam meet, but six of them could not make the trip due to school commitment and other concerns.

"For this meet, everyone will swim eight individual event and two relays. Our target is to bring home medals as many as possible. We are also targeting to update personal best times," said Kimura, who left Saipan with his swimmers yesterday afternoon in time for today's competition.

"There are fast swimmers in the U8 age group and I expect good competitions for Aasish and Maria. Ashley and Isaiah have strong chances in the 9 to 10 age group, while either Sophia or Aika can win the championship in the 11 to 12 division," the Tsunami Saipan

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Tsunami Saipan swimmers and their coach Hiro Kimura pose for a photo at the departure area of the Saipan International Airport before leaving for Guam yesterday afternoon to compete in the 2016 Guam Championships.

LeBron, Love help Cavaliers regain finals lead

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Ol'Aces vs Kagman in U18 finals

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Ol'Aces' Ignacio Borja, center, goes up for a shot against the 670 Sonics' Mike Espinosa, left, and Djay March Ong during their semis game in the Diaz youth caging last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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The Ol'Aces and Kagman Rizers eased past their semis opponents to arrange their title duel in the U18 division of the Inaugural Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League.

The Ol'Aces moved into the finals first following a 72-55 upset over the top-ranked 670 Sonics last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, while Kagman defeated Rollers Blue, 75-59, yesterday to march into the winner-take-all championship game that will be played today at 5pm.

Kagman saved the best for last to cruise to the 16-point win against Rollers Blue. The second finalist was ahead by only 6 at the end of the third period, 53-47, when Melvin Sakisat anchored the breakaway, scoring 10 points in the fourth canto, including 6 straight in the final half of that pivotal quarter.

Rollers Blue, which stayed in the game in the first half and even took a 31-29 halftime lead, was limited to five field goals in the fourth-period slowdown. Jun Alipio, who finished the third frame with 16 points, was out of the pic-

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Napu paddlers hold ground vs SPC

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Hoe Lokahi-Grace Christian Academy, Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, and Saipan Paddling Club members head to the course during the 1,000m final race in last Saturday's All CNMI Juniors Outrigger Regatta 2016 held at Kilili Beach.

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Napu Outrigger Canoe Club paddlers matched Saipan Paddling Club's twin wins in the second and final leg of the All CNMI Juniors Outrigger Regatta 2016 held last Saturdayat Kilili Beach.

Napu swept the boys 500m and 1,000m final races, while SPC prevailed in the girls division, faltering in its bid to dominate the weekend tournament. In the first leg, SPC topped three out of the four events.

In the boys 500m finals, Napu clocked in at 2:58.63 to beat the 3:04.21 of SPC. Hoe Lokahi-Grace Christian Academy completed the field and timed in at 3:04:21. Napu managed to pull off the win in the finals after coming in at second in the semis and preliminaries with times of 2:58.17 and 2:54.83, respectively. SPC logged 2:56.88 in the finals and 2:48.93 in the first race. Hoe Lokahi-GCA posted 3:06.92 in the preliminaries and had a faster time in the semis (3:00.11).

In the girls division, SPC was way ahead of its rivals after recording 3:18.58. Hoe Lokahi-GCA jumped to second despite a slower time (3:58.58) than Napu (3:22.39) after the latter was disqualified. Napu won the preliminary with its 3:08.98 against the 3:20.97 and 3:44.73 of

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Red Sox, Enforcers outclass foes

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The Red Sox needed an extra inning to eke out a 7-4 win over the Enforcers in the Senior League division game in the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Christian Lizama hit a two-run single at the top of the eighth inning, while Delin Reusora reached off the Enforcers' error at centerfield to lift the Red Sox to the close win.

The Enforcers, who forced the deadlock, 4-4, at the end of regulation, with Nathaniel Torres making it home off the Red Sox's miscue, failed to extend the match anew as they were called for back-to-back flies at the bottom of the eighth and Larson Sebitang went down on a 1-3 play, leaving third batter Jimboy Laniyo stranded at first.

The Enforcers had to play catch up after they were held

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A Red Sox batters avoids being hit by a pitch during an earlier Senior League game against the Enforcers in the SLLB at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.